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NEW DELHI, Feb. 16, (A.P.I.): The Railway Budget presented by Dr. John Matthai, Railway Minister, shows a net surplus of rupees nine crores 87 lakhs, for the year 1948-49.

NO INCREASE IN FARES

Dr. John Matthai, Minister for Railways, presenting the Railway Budget for 1948-49 in the Dominion Parliament, announced that it was not his intention on this occasion to propose any increases in fares and freights.

Dr. Matthai said that probably we had reached a stage where the steady process of deterioration which began with the partition and the consequences that flowed from partition, had now been definitely checked (hear, hear). "I believe that we have reached a stage when we can say with a certain degree of assurance that we have turned the corner. It does not mean that there is any striking improvement that I can report. What it means is that we have reached a stage where we can go forward, expecting steady progress. I do not anticipate that we shall be called upon to retrace our steps or to look back"

FALL IN EARNINGS

The revised estimates for the seven and half months ending March 31, 1948, showed a fall in earnings of about rupees eight crores as compared with the budget estimates. That fall in earnings occurred under goods earnings and passenger earnings but other coachings earnings, including parcels traffic, showed an increase. Then there was also a considerable amount of military movement as a result of demobilisation and as a result also of movements of troops in connection with the disturbances.

Our earnings under goods, according to the first budget estimate, were Rs. 57.23 crores. According to the revised estimates, the figures had come down to Rs. 53.38. Passenger earnings, according to budget estimates, were 52.12 crores while revised estimates, were 45.28. Other coachings earnings, estimated at Rs. 5.30 crores had gone up to 7.87 crores. The net result was a drop of rupees eight crores.

DROP IN WORKING EXPENSES

As against that, there was also a drop in our ordinary working expenses. We estimated that our ordinary working expenses would be somewhere about Rs. 99 crores. The revised estimates had shown that our expenses were Rs. 93.55. Actually the expenditure had not been reduced but had only been postponed.

The result of this drop in earnings and in working expenses was an increase in the net loss that we estimated from Rs. 2.7 crores to Rs. 5.2 crores and the result of that increase in the net loss was that we had had to make large withdrawals from the Reserve Fund. The Reserve Fund in March 1948, therefore, stood at Rs. 3.8 crores.

That briefly summarised the

(Continued on Page 4.)

Railway Budget At A Glance

The following table shows the principal figures of the budget estimates of the Indian Union Railways for the year 1948-49:—

	In Crores of Rupees
Receipts	32,40
Expenditure (including interest charges)	22,53
Net Surplus	9,87

LEAGUERS AS SABOTEURS!

Frontier Premier's Warning: Assembly To Be Called To Discuss Budget

PESHAWAR, Feb. 16. (A.P.I.) The decision to call the budget session of the Frontier Legislative Assembly and to run the Government in that province on democratic lines were taken by the Muslim League Parliamentary Party at its meeting held last night, said the Frontier Premier, Khan Abdul Qayyum Khan, addressing a press conference this morning.

Khan Abdul Qayyum Khan thanked Dr. Khan Saheb and his Party for their "calm attitude" towards the food problem and regretted that some Muslim Leaguers were making "a capital out of it by false propaganda." The Premier described them as real fifth columnists, who wanted to sabotage Pakistan, in the garb of friendship, for their own selfish motives".

"Government is not going to tolerate such subversive activities and false propaganda any more", the Premier said.

The Party by another resolution expressed full confidence in its leader, Khan Abdul Qayyum Khan.

Photograph taken at the public memorial meeting held by the India League of America on February 7th, 1948, at Town Hall, New York, N. Y., to pay tribute to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi.

Left to right: Abdul Rahman, India League of America; Rustom D. Wadia, Mrs. Moosa Habib Rawjee, Sirdar J. J. Singh, President of the Mrs. Sarat Muker ji and Hemendra K. Rakhit, Secretary of the India League of America.

Kashmir Talks In Delhi

London Hopes For Early Resumption Of Indo-Pakistan Parleys

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16. (A.P.I.): Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister, this afternoon took his seat as member of the Dominion Parliament.

Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Iyangar, Leader of the Indian Delegation to the Security Council, was loudly cheered when he entered the House a few minutes after Dr. Matthai had started his budget speech.

Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar, and Sheikh Abdullah, Head of the Kashmir Administration, arrived in Delhi today by air.

They will meet the Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru today and will have discussions with him.

Mr. A. V. Pai of the Indian Embassy at Moscow, accompanied by his wife, also arrived here today.

Sheikh Abdullah visited Birla House to see the spot where Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated and the room where the Father of the Nation spent his last days. Later, he visited Raj Ghat.

NOEL-BAKER TO REPORT TO BR. GOVT.

LONDON, Feb. 16. (Reuter): British Commonwealth Secretary of State, Mr. Noel-Baker, who led the British Delegation at the Security Council's discussions on the Kashmir issue, will return to Britain at the end of the week and report to the Government on the Security Council's talks upto date.

He will be present at Lake Success on Wednesday for the resumption of the discussions.

Political quarters here hope that the discussions in New Delhi between the Indian Delegation to the United Nations and the Indian Government will pave the way to an early resumption of negotiations between India and Pakistan at Lake Success and the discovery of common ground for a settlement of the dispute.

MINIATURE ARSENAL UNEARTHED

Hyderabad Police Break Up Communist Underground Unit

HYDERABAD (Dn.) Feb. 16 (A.P.I.)—A Communist underground centre where arms, ammunition and other stores constituting a miniature arsenal were concealed, is reported to have been unearthed by the Hyderabad State Police when they raided the village of Siadapur in Nalgonda District recently.

Receiving information that the Communists had converted the village into a fortified base for launching an offensive against the State, a police party swooped on the village taking the underground unit by surprise.

There was a clash between the police and the communists, after which the latter are said to have withdrawn into a nearby jungle.

The police thoroughly combed the village and succeeded in capturing the alleged ringleader of the Communists, who was hiding in a ditch.

The police also recovered quantities of modern rifles, cartridges and swords.

India Muslim Leaguers To Confer.

MADRAS, Feb. 16 (A.P.I.)—Mr. M. Mohamed Ismail, Convenor, has decided to call a conference of the League representatives in the India Dominion during the first week.

"PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC IN NORTH KOREA"

NEW YORK, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—Soviet-occupied North Korea has proclaimed a "Democratic People's Republic in Korea", a Seoul dispatch to the American Transradio Agency reported today.

The announcement added that the New Republic would eventually embrace American-occupied South Korea, the report said.

A People's Council is to meet in the middle of March to adopt a constitution.

WAR MAY DEVELOP IN PALESTINE

LONDON, Feb. 16 (Reuter): Tom Wintringham, a British military writer, who commanded the British battalion of the International Brigade for a period during the Spanish civil war, today expressed the opinion that "war" as large in scale as the recent conflicts in Indonesia and Indo-China may develop in Palestine in a letter to the "London Times".

"But Trinity Sunday, the Mount of Olives will be scarred by gun pits, Gethsemane entrenched, and the Jewish part of Jerusalem under seige". Mr. Wintringham wrote.

"To the South Bethlehem will lie in no man's land"

Mr. Wintrigham declared that if an international armed force had been brought into existence last year, a new resource might have been available for statesmanship desiring to control a "cease fire" agreement or to guarantee a plebiscite

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16. (API): Sir B. N. Rau, Constitutional Adviser to the Constituent Assembly, has been elected a member of the International Institute of Political and Constitutional History, Sorbonne University, Paris.

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Difference	+44

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NEW YORK Feb. 16.

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CROSS RATES.
NEW YORK, Feb. 16.

T. T. New York on London previous closing 4.02-3/4 to 4.03-1/4.

LONDON, Feb. 16.

T. T. London on New York 4.0275 Selling, 4.0325 Buying.

TRUMAN WARNS ARAB STATES

"Exercise Restraint In Dealing With Partition Of Palestine"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. (Reuter): President Truman has addressed appeals to "certain interested Governments to exercise restraint in dealing with the Palestine situation", the White House disclosed today.

The statement was made as a result of reports that the President had actually addressed specific requests to the Kings of Iraq and Saudi Arabia to refrain from using violence in resisting the partition of the Holy land.

The President's Press Secretary, Mr. Charles Ross, refused to identify the "certain interested Governments".

STOP PRESS

ARAB ARMIES TO FIGHT PARTITION

CAIRO, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—Regular Arab Armies will resist Palestine partition if it is enforced by an International Force, Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, Secretary General of the Arab League, said tonight after a meeting of the League's Political Committee.

ENGLAND SCORES 280 FOR 7 AT TEA

PORT OF SPAIN (Trinidad), Feb. 16 (Reuter)—England had scored 280 for seven by tea in their Second Innings against the West Indies in the second Test Match here today.

FURTHER U.S. AID TO GREECE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—President Truman said today that the Guerilla war was "sapping the economic strength of Greece", and notified Congress that he would seek more funds for additional military assistance to Greece and Turkey "at the appropriate time."

SIND ASSEMBLY PASSES TWO DEMANDS

KARACHI, Feb. 16. (API): The Sind Legislative Assembly today took up demands for grants for the new year. The House passed two demands, namely Rs. 2,55,77,000 under Land Revenue and Rs. 10,31,000 under Provincial excise and adjourned till 2-30 p.m. tomorrow.

MUNSHI'S DENIAL

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) Feb. 16, (A.P.I.): Mr. K. M. Munshi, India's Agent General in Hyderabad, described as "mischievous" a reported speech of Mr. Kazim Razvi, President of the Majlis Ittehad-ul Mussalimen, alleging that "Daxina Sadan", official residence of the Agent General has become the Headquarters of the Hyderabad State Congress.

U. P. ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS

LUCKNOW, Feb. 16. (API): The U. P. Legislative Assembly today paid its homage to Mahatma Gandhi and after observing two-minute silence (all members standing) adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory.

Argentine-Chile Bid For Bases In Antarctic

LONDON, February 16, (Reuter) Britain "will not overlook the challenge to our authority" by "ostentatious" Argentine and Chile n naval demonstrations in the Antarctic Dependencies of the British Falkland Islands.

Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, who made this statement today in the House of Commons, added: "Steps are being taken to ensure that the Governor of the Falkland Isles will receive the support he needs. Rival claims in the Antarctic have long existed, but it has never been thought necessary by Governments to create international ill-feeling or arouse public opinion on the subject.

"The Foreign Secretary hopes the Argentine and Chilean Governments will share his desire to avoid provocation in this matter".

Mr. McNeil added, "Argentine and Chilean Naval Forces are at present operating in British waters in the Falkland Island. Dependencies with the declared object of enforcing claims to sovereignty in this area.

BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY OVER DEPENDENCIES

"They have also landed parties and propose to set up military commands in British territory. The Government consider the British title to the Falkland Island Dependencies to be well founded and have been willing it should stand the test of international arbitration."

After saying that the Argentine and Chilean Governments had rejected a British suggestion that the dispute should be referred to the International Court, Mr. McNeil declared, "We can only regard this as evidence that they have no confidence in their ability to dispute our legal title.

SETTLEMENT BY CONFERENCE

"The Argentine Government has suggested that there should be some form of international conference and we are considering this proposal.

"The Government are always ready to seek means of settlement by discussion in disputes which arise with friendly Governments and have never closed the door to discussion of that Antarctic question with interested parties.

"That is one thing but it is quite another when, despite our declared willingness to see his question settled legally, ostentatious naval and other demonstrations are being made in the areas which we administer and which every one knows we consider to be British territory."

CRUISER GETS SECRET ORDERS

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 16. (Reuter): The 8,000-ton six-inch gun British Cruiser "Nigeria", which left Simonstown today after receiving secret sailing orders, has sailed for the British Falkland Islands, oc the tip of South America and key to the claims Argentina and Chile are making in the British Antarctic possessions of the Falkland Dependencies, it was reliably learned here today.

The 'Nigeria', a Fiji class cruiser from the South Atlantic Station, from which the Admiralty stated yesterday, she was being "temporarily withdrawn", left on her voyage of more than 3,000 miles, four days after two Argentine cruisers and smaller craft were reported to have sailed from Buenos Aires for Antarctica.

RACE FOR BASES

The day before the Argentine ships left, the Chilean President Videla sailed from Santiago with his wife and two daughters to inaugurate a new Chilean Army base in Greenwich Island in the South Shetland Group of the Dependencies, while Chile has already set up a naval post.

Argentina has established a post on Deception Island off Grahamland.

The departure last week of the President of Chile by cruiser to establish physical possession of that segment of Antarctic territory claimed by his country was immediately followed by the publication of diplomatic exchanges between London and Santiago on the subject of Chilean claim.

QUESTION OF PRIORITY

Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent wrote yesterday that latest reports were that the Chilean President's cruiser was delayed, so that in terms of priority the possible arrival of a British cruiser in the disputed area might still forestall that of the Chilean Presidential expedition.

Against this, it was recalled that the British naval sloop, 'Snipe' with Sir Miles Clifford, Governor of the Falkland Islands aboard, has recently ben making a tour of the Islands and their dependencies, during which it encountered Argentinian vessels and claimants to Antarctic territory.

Simultaneous publication in Buenos Aires and London of diplomatic exchanges between Britain and the Argentine coincided with these meetings.

Reports that uranium and other "atomic" materials exist in the Antarctic recently aroused interest in the whites there and last week an Argentine task force, including two cruisers, left Buenos Aires for manoeuvres in southern waters.

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INDIA DRAW WITH VICTORIA COUNTRY XI

Highest Bowling Honours Go To Phadkar

GEELONG, Feb. 16 (Reuter).—The Indian touring team just failed to force an innings victory over the Victoria Country XI. The Country XI were all out in their first innings today for 67 runs in reply to India's first innings total of 375, and following on they were 210 for eight at close of play in their second innings, leaving the two-day match drawn.

Phadkar, who bowled long spells this morning on a wicket rendered lively by overnight showers, claimed six Victoria Country first innings wickets for 33 runs. The Country XI offered greater resistance in their second innings and thanks largely to their opening batsman Vincent Hassett, who scored 84, they had put up 210 for the loss of eight wickets at close.

VICTORIA COUNTRY (First Innings)

Hassett l.b.w. Hazare	5
Anderson c. Rai Singh b. Phadkar	11
Sing b. Hazare	11
Heard l.b.w. Phadkar	9
K. Brown (not out)	20
S. Young c. Nayudu b. Hazare	3
R. Brown b. Phadkar	3
A. Brown l.b.w. Phadkar	0
Taylor b. Phadkar	2
McArthur b. Phadkar	1
Walker (run out)	6
Extras	6
Total	67

Wickets fell at 7, 18, 26, 29, 37, 37, 45, 57 and 67.

VICTORIA COUNTRY XI (2nd Innings)

R. Brown c Nayudu b Amir Elahi	13
Sing lbw Nayudu	21
Heard lbw Phadkar	7
V. Hasset c Gul Mahomed b Amir Elahi	84
Young lbw Phadkar	27
Anderson lbw Hazare	14
K. Brown lbw Nayudu	6
A. Brown (not out)	27
Taylor b Amir Elahi	6
Extras	5
Total (for 8 wickets at close)	210

Fall of Wickets: 1 for 49, 2 for 80, 3 for 101, 4 for 149, 5 for 170, 7 for 198, 8 for 210.

The following are the most important bowling figures in today's match between the Indian touring team and Victoria Country Eleven.

VICTORIA COUNTRY ELEVEN

First Innings: Phadkar 11.0.33.6; Hazare 8.2.12.3.

Second Innings: Phadkar 12.0.42.2; Hazare 8.1.24.1; Nayudu 18.1.52.2, Amir Elahi 13.1.0.68.3.

Ranvirsinhji, Rangnekar and Raisingh also bowled.

Indian Team Due In Bombay On March 11

GEELONG, (Victoria) Feb. 16 (Reuter): The Indian cricketers will sail on the "Stratheden" from Fremantele on March 1 and are due at Colombo on March 8 and Bombay on March 11. The plans for a match at Calcutta have been abondoned and the teams Manager Mr. P. Gupta today cabled the Indian Board that any decision for matches at Colombo and Madras must be made on board. In the event of these matches being played, the team will disembark at Colombo an travel by plane to Madras where it is intended to disperse.

Mr. Gupta has received a letter from Mr. R. G. Menzies, leader of the Federal Opposition and vice-President of the Melbourne Club. "I cannot remember a set of players, who became more popular with cricket lovers in this country" says the letter. "Your own cheerfulness, informality and effectiveness contributed powerfully towards this happy state of affairs. I believe most sincerely that the visit has been of the utmost advantage to relations between our respective countries.".

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SENIOR LEAGUE HOCKEY ENDS

Lusitanians Win Keen Match

BOMBAY, Monday.

LUSITANIANS	4
B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY	2

After being down by three goals to nil shortly before the interval the B.B. & C.I. Railway made gallant attempts to equalise but fell only a little short, succeeding in reducing the arrears to 3-2 before conceding yet another goal.

Murzello, the leader of the railwaymen's attack got two excellent goals, neither of which could have been stopped by the custodian. Murzello hit the ball while it was in the air on both the occasions, being at least two feet from the ground. His first goal was the result of a good pass from outside-right Mullen and the second as the result of another good pass by inside-right Kinchella.

Apart from the sharp-shooting of Murzello, however, the Railway side had no front line. The inside forwards were disappointing and not much support was received from the intermediate line who had to do all they could to prevent the Lusitanians forward from running amok amongst the defensive line. E. D'Souza was quite efficient as the leader of the attack and distributed the ball very soundly. No one relished this more than T. Vaz who enjoyed splendid runs down the line, converting two goals. Inside-right T. D'Mello got the remaining two goals for his side of which the first was the first of the match and the second the last.

THE TEAMS:

LUSITANIANS: E. Pinto, A. Fernandes and R. Braganza; J. Fernandes, A. D'Souza and J. Rodricks; L. Vaz, T. D'Mello, E. D'Souza, C. Braganza and L. Fernandes.

B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY:—Pearce, Jadhav and Ismail Khan; Agre, Joginduial and Samson; Mullen, Kinchella, Murzello, Foster and G. Fernandes.

Tuesday's Match at 5-10 p.m. Lusitanians "B" vs. Young Sports "A".

Delhi Team For Ranji Trophy

NEW DELHI, February 16, (API): The following team has been selected to represent Delhi and District Cricket Association in the Ranji Trophy Cricket match against Holkar at Indore on February 21, 22, 23 and 24 Group Captain K-Jeswant Singh (Captain) Kiran Bahadur (Vice Captain) S. K. Khanna, Tulja Ram, Mahipet, Ishwar Dayal, Kishanchand, Lakshmi Chand, D. R. Puri, Hira Lal and Hargopal Singh.

Reserves: Bishan Behari, G. C. Jain and Bishan Chand.

Manager: K. B. Saxena.

Visitors Trounce Madras Eleven

MADRAS, February 16, (API): The All-India Football Team, now on exhibition tour of India, and consisting of many Olympic probables, trounced a Madras eleven by nine goals to nil in their recond exhibition match here today. Parab (1), Hanumantha Rao (2), Vajravelu (2), Venkatesh (2) and Rama (2) were the scoreres. Yesterday, the tourists lost to Bangalore by four goals to one in their first exhibition match.

European Speed Skating Championship

HAMAR, (Norway) Feb. 15. (Reuter): Reidar Liaklev, winner of the Olympic 5.000 metres speed skating championship at St. Moritz, today won the European championship.

The event was decided on points for performances over four distances. Liaklev, 27-year-old Norwegian country postman finished third in the 5.000 metres yesterday and as first in the 10.000 metres and second in the 1.500 metres to-day.

Final placings were: Liaklev (Norway) 198.078 points; Gothe Hedlund (Sweden) 199.362 points; and Lundberg (Norway) 199.935 points.

Liaklev won the 10.000 metres today in 17 minutes 24.9 seconds and Severe Farstad (Norway) won the 1.500 metres in 2 minutes 21.3 seconds.

It is the first time since 1938 that a Norwegian has held the title says U.P.A.

BOMBAY BEAT KATHIAWAR

DHROL, Feb. 16 (API): Bombay beat Kathiawar on the result of the first innings in the West Zone Final of the Cricket Championship of India for Ranji Trophy, and qualified for the Semi-Final of the Tournament.

Today, the fourth day of the match, Bombay declared their Second Innings at 255 for five wickets, Ibrahim contributing a plucky 89. At close of play, Kathiawar had made 106 for two wickets in their second innings (Jayantilal 66).

ROBERTSON RETURNS TO FORM

Only Bright Play In Final Day's Test Match

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, Feoruary 16, (Reuter): Victory for the West Indies in the Second Test against England seemed certain when at lunch on the final day England had made 149 for the loss of six Second Innings wickets. This left England fourteen ahead with four wickets left but the West Indies had still to bat again.

The opening bat Jack Robertson alone gave the West Indies much trouble before lunch when England lost three more wickets for the addition of only 79 runs to the overnight score of 70 for three.

Robertson showed welcome return to form and at the interval was not out 67 but he could find no one to stay with him.

The West Indies owed much to the fine well controlled fast medium bowling of E. Williams who accounted for him later and the Tourists Captain G. O. Allen. Dick Howorth was next to go, falling to the spin of W. Ferguson for the fifth time in the six knocks the Worcestershire lefthander has so far had against him.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND (First Innings)	362
West Indies	497
ENGLAND (Second Innings) (for 6 wkts.)	149
J. D. Robertson (not out)	67

SUBHADRA KUMARI DEAD

Fatal Car Accident Near Jubbulpore

JUBBULPORE, Feb. 15 (API): Mrs. Subhadra Kumari Chowhan, M. L. A. (C.P.) renowned Hindi poet and author, died in a motor accident this evening about hundred miles from Jubbulpore. She was aged 43.

It is stated that Mrs. Chowhan was proceeding in her new car to Nagpur when it dashed against a tree, 12 miles from Seoni, resulting in her instantaneous death. Her second son and two other persons accompanying her in the car were seriously injured. Her body will be brought here for cremation.

Entering public life in 1923 when she participated in the flag satyagraha and courted imprisonment, Mrs. Chowhan was always in the forefront of all national movements. In 1942 she was arrested and detained along with her husband Thakur Lakshman Singh Chowhan, an Advocate. She was a member of the Jubbulpore Municipal Committee for several years before she was returned unopposed twice to the C. P. Assembly.

Among her publications are short stories in two volumes entitled "Unmadini" and "Bikhare Moti". She leaves behind three sons and two daughters.

MAKE INDIAN BORDER IMPREGNABLE

AMRITSAR, (I.P.S.): A stirring plea for making the Indian border strong and impregnable and arming every Punjabi to ward off every conceivable act of agression by Pakistan Government was made by Senapati Mohan Singh of the I. N. A. in an interview the other day. He added: "We do not want to attack Pakistan but at the same time we must make India so strong that Pakistan dare not venture to attack India".

Belgian T. U. Calls Postmen To Return To Work

BRUSSELS, Feb. 15 (Reuter). Striking Brussels postmen were today urged to return to work by a Committee of the Belgian Public Utility Trade Unions.

A resolution by the Committee announced "a political party's intervention in the trade union movement," alluding to Communist influence in the current wave of strike that have affected five per cent of Belgium's working population.

Police were called to restore order yesterday when postmen strikers tried to clear the public from the Brussels post office bank.

In a speech last night Premier Paul Henri Spank said the Communists sought to provoke disturbances in Belgium "as they tried to do in vain in France and Italy with the purpose of wrecking the Marshall plan."

LUCKNOW, Feb. 16 (U.P.I.): It is reliably understood that the U.P. Provincial Legislative Assembly, which meets to-day, will adjourn for one week in memory of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation.

U. SAW'S LETTER TO FORMER GOVERNOR

LONDON, Feb. 16 (IPA):—In a smuggled letter, U Saw, former Premier of Burma, who has been sentenced to death for assassinating U Aung San and others, writes to Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, Governor of Burma from 1941 to 1946, that he has irrefutable evidence to show that the case against him is framed on false evidence. It is believed U Saw's wife handed this letter to her brother-in-law to send it off to Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith who is now in London.

U Saw, it is further reported, wants his case to be heard by some independent tribunal and the right to appeal against death sentence to the Privy Council.

Sir Reginald who is understood to be moving in this matter said that U Saw gave him more aid to preparing for the invasion of Burma than he received from Whatehall and Singapore.

U. S. LUCKIEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (Reuter): This winter has drought new evidence that the United States is the luckiest country in the world, cables William Hardcastle, Reuter's Correspondent. For seven years, the broad wheatlands of the Middle West have produced record crops. Year after year, production has gone up and one record has been piled on another.

But as autumn came in 1947, after the biggest single wheat crop in the world's history had been gathered in, experts here said unanimously that "this can't go on. Our luck can't hold. The law of averages alone must bring us a failure soon".

Their pessimism at first seemed to be justified. Serious drought hit the wheatlands in the early autumn, and for week after week farmers waited for suitable weather to plant their winter wheat crop from which the major proportion of the year's yield comes.

Sowing was seriously delayed, and eventually farmers had to plant seed in dusty, loose ground where there was every prospect of the young roots being washed or blown away.

In any case, sowing was so late that there was little prospect of the seeds growing strong enough before the harsh weather intervened.

But then luck, which has brought record harvests for seven straight years and saved untold thousands in the world from death by starvation, held again.

It came with the snow which was just what the late sown wheat needed. The wheatfields were covered with a white blanket which not only fed parched grounds but kept young roots warm and protected them from the ravages of rain or wind.

Today there is every prospect that the United States is well on the way to another bumper wheat harvest of over 1,000,000,000 bushels. It will not be up to last year's 1,500,000,000 bushels, but it will be well over pre-war average and enough for America to maintain very substantial exports next year to needy countries.

5 MORE NATAL INDIANS ARRESTED

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 15 (Reuter): Headquarters of the Passive Resistance Council stated that five Indians from Natal crossed the border into the Transvaal at Volksrust at noon today and were arrested.

STRIKES COST FRANCE £ 340,000,000

PARIS, (I.P.S.): According to the Ministry of Industry's figures, something like £340,000,000 was the loss of France by the recent strikes.

SIR MALCOLM HOGG DEAD

LONDON, Feb. 16, (Reuter): The death of Sir Malcolm Hogg, who was a member of the Legislative Council of the Viceroy of India from 1917 to 1919 was announced today.

Sir Malcolm, who was 65, was the Deputy Chairman of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Legislative Council of the Governor of Bombay from 1915 to 1917. He was also a member of the South Borough Indian Franchise Committee in 1918 and a member of the Indian Council from 1920 to 1925.

Tripartite Talks On Germany Postponed

LONDON, February 16, (Reuter): The Anglo-Franco-American tripartite talks on Germany in London have been postponed, it is reliably believed from February 19 to February 23.

The reported reason is that the United States ambassador to Britain, Mr. Lewis Douglas, is detained in Washington for the purpose of giving evidence before the Foreign Affairs Committee on the European recovery programme

Azerbaijan Trials

MOSCOW, Feb. 16, (Reuter): 'Tass', the official Soviet News agency, reported today from Tabriz, capital of the 'Home Rule' Province of Azerbaijan, that Dr. Salamullah Djavid, former Governor-General of the Province, and Mr. Ali Shabestari, President of the Provincial Council, were to be tried on charges of "having collaborated with Democrats'.

Dr. Djavid and Mr. Shabestari were arrested in December, 1946, when Persian Government forces quelled the revolt in Azerbaijan.

OLDEST R. C. CARDINAL DIES

ROME, Feb. 16, (Reuter): Cardinal Granito Pignatelli di Belmonte, the oldest Roman Catholic Cardinal, died here today aged 96.

At his death, Cardinal di Belmonte was Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals and Prefect of the Congregation of Rights.

Madras Governor Praises Travancore Ruler

Pays Tribute To His Able Administration

TRIVANDRUM, Feb. 15 (API) High tributes were paid to His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore by His Excellency Sir Archibald Nye, Governor of Madras while unveiling a portrait of His Highness the Maharaja this evening at the Garrison theatre of the Travancore State Forces.

Unveiling the portrait His Excellency asked the gathering to realise how very singularly fortunate Travancore was in several respects. His Excellency stressed in particular the phenomenal progress made by the Travancore State in the matter of education and religious toleration. Travancore had been much ahead of any other parts of India and had displayed great drive, imagination and organisation.

His Excellency paid tribute to His Highness the Maharaja as one who never wasted his time in profitless amusement, never lived a life of profligacy, one who approached his great responsibilities with an earnestness of purpose and zeal and had even before he became a ruler spent many long years in serious preparation for the tasks confronting him. His Highness was further prompted by a high sense of duty in everything he undertook".

In addressing the soldiers present, His Excellency said "It his your business to give him at all times and in all situations your complete and ungruding loyalty. If you are unable to do that you must not remain soldiers. You owe a great responsibility to your Government but you owe a personal responsibility to your ruler."

DEMAND FOR TAMIL NAD

All Tamil Conference In Madras

MADRAS, Feb. 16. (A.P.I.): The all-Tamils conference which yesterday demanded the constitution of an autonomous Tamil state claimed for its northern frontier the river Pennar—100 miles north of Madras.

The conference concluded its proceedings last night after adopting a number of subsidiary resolutions.

Two Ministers of the Madras Cabinet, Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalam and Mr. T. S. Avinashalingham Chetty, were present while the speaker of the Legislative Assembly Mr. J. Sivashanmugam Pillai took part in the conference proceedings.

The conference urged the recruitment in large numbers of Tamilians to the army, navy and air force and demanded the regiments composed of exclusively Tamilians should be formed in the three services. It also urged the raising of a military training establishment in South India and protested against the inclusion of Hindi and other languages in schools curriculam.

By another resolution the conference decided to set up a head office for the conference in Madras with branches in all district towns and villages to spread "Tamil language culture and civilisation". It also decided on taking a census of the "entire Tamil population" in South India.

Winding up the proceedings, the conference President Mr. S. Bharati said there existed what he called "some misapprehension" about the terms 'Tamilian' and 'Dravidian' and concluded that Tamilians and Dravidians were one and the same although "there is need for tolerance and understanding".

PUNJAB DISTRICT BOARDS ACT

SIMLA, Feb. 15 (API.) An ordinance amending the Punjab District Boards Act, 1883, has been promulgated by the Governor of the East Punjab.

It provides that when an elected member's seat has been vacated under the provisions of section 14-A, the provincial Government may, if it thinks fit, fill his place by appointment.

MUNSHI ON ARYAN CULTURE

MADRAS, Feb. 16. (A.P.I.): Mr. K. M. Munshi India's Agent-General in Hyderabad declared here that he would not consider India's political freedom worth anything, if it did not carry with it the right to develop Aryan culture and to teach it to mankind.

Mr. Munshi was speaking at a public meeting at Ramakrishna Math Mylapore, in connection with the birthday anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and the golden jubilee of the Ramkrishna movement in South India over which he presided.

Concluding Mr. Munshi said that the message of Aryan culture was a legacy which the three great master., Ramakrishna, Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi had left them and which they were pledged to carry out whatever the world might say.

EAST BENGAL REGIMENT

DACCA, Feb. 16 (A.P.I.)—The East Bengal Regiment (the first army unite to be formed of Bengalees) came into existence today at an impressive parade at which Sir Frederick Bourne Governor of East Bengal took the salute.

AKOLA, Feb. 16 (UPI.) Accepting Mr. Brijlal Biyani's suggestion to name the village of Wagholi on the Poorna river in C.P. where Mahatma Gandhi's ashes were immersed, as Gandhigram, the residents of the village unanimously adopted a resolution to the change of the name.

A parliamentary survey of the site for erecting a memorial there to Gandhiji has been made by Messrs. Biiani, Surajmalji, Singhi and Pramilatai Oke. The work will start soon.

Jaiprakash Replies To Critics

Mahatma Would Have Lived Longer, If Congress Ministers Had Not Encouraged R. S. S.

PATNA, Feb. 15. (A.P.I.): Addressing a large audience this evening in the Gandhi Maidan, Mr. Jai Prakash Narain, Socialist leader, denied the charges levelled at the Socialist Party that it was trying to make political capital out of the national calamity into which India had been plunged as a result of Mahatma Gandhi's death, in order that some members of the party may thereby lever themselves in the administration.

That the papers of vested interests should have so attacked him, Mr. Jaiprakash said, was not surprising in the least, but he would be pained if the people on whose behalf he had campaigned should distrust the object of his recent statement in Delhi in which he drew pointed attention to the weakness of the central administration.

He had nothing to benefit personally, he said, from a frank and free criticism and an over-all estimation of the events leading up to Mahatma Gandhi's assassination.

Personally he was no believer in fate and was convinced that if prominent Congress Ministers have not patronised and attended R.S.S.'s rallies and had warned the youth of the country clearly against joining the organisation and provided other suitable outlets for their energies, Mahatma Gandhi would never have been taken away from us when we most needed him.

Even after the bomb was thrown at him during the prayer meeting no strong action was taken, but instead attempts were made to blanket the criminals by officials within the administration who sabotaged any effort that might have been made to unearth the conspiracy.

It was wrong, the Socialist leader said, to say that he desired a Cabinet portfolio, that he could have got long ago and in fact he had renounced several opportunities for the same. He did not think that he was so brilliant as to deserve the honour but had he deserved it then flattery, and not frank criticism which invited official disfavour, would have been the best method of achieving that. No one had suffered through except himself who had now to listen to abuses.

He was also taunted with having exaggerated differences between Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel but he said, he had mentioned these differences only on one occasion and that too with the sole intention of clearing the atmosphere of rumours which were rampant in Delhi from the highest to the lowest.

CHANCE TO QUELL RUMOURS

Even the London papers, Mr. Jai Prakash continued, on the morrow of Mahatma Gandhi's assassination, carried captions questioning the resignation of Pandit Nehru and suggesting the formation of a new ministry by Sardar Patel.

By bringing this controversy into the open he said he had given those involved a chance to quell these rumours and establish a more stable atmosphere in which they could work together and strengthen the country. After the radio broadcasts of both Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel all such doubts had been laid at rest and he was pleased that even after Bapu's death the old spirit of co-operation and unity would survive.

To fight communalism wherever it may exist is not wrong, he said. Therefore to demand the removal of communal elements from the Government is to strengthen the Government in order to meet the crisis which confronts the country is the practice in all democracies when they are faced with a critical situation.

He had also demanded the removal of all such elements who did not take part in the campaign against the British rulers and some times acted against the national movement in the past.

There was no reason why the spokesmen for big business should have been included in the Cabinet and therefore he was surprised when a responsible minister said that a member had been selected because he represented capitalist interest.

Police raj alone, the Socialist leaded went on, could not crush communalism unless the administration had first been purged of communal saboteurs, who should be replaced by democratic minded nationalists. He called upon the legislatures to enact laws for depriving people of obstinate communal views of the right of franchise, because those who did not believe in democracy had no right to democratic privileges.

Communal raj, he said, was the high road to fascism and he strongly condemned the murder and arson gangs which were financed by reactionary princes and business magnates who, he said, were anxious for civil strife within the country in order to drown our newly born independence in a sea of blood so that they may themselves be able to climb into power through the forces of fanaticism or narrow provincial and parochial loyalties.

FUTURE OF FRONTIER ASSEMBLY

Leaguers And Opposition Confer

PESHAWAR, Feb. 15, (API): A special meeting of the Frontier Muslim League Parliamentary Party was held at the residence of the Premier, Khan Abdul Qaiyum Khan, after dinner tonight to consider the future of the Frontier Legislative Assembly. The seven Congress M.L.A.'s who recently crossed over to the Muslim League, were present.

A few hours earlier a combined meeting of the Congress Parliamentary Party members of the N.W.F.P. Congress and prominent Redshirts workers was also held at the Red Shirt training centre at Sardaryao to discuss the present situation in the Province. Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan was present. Non-Muslim members did not attend as they have left the Province. The meeting which started at 4-30 p.m. is likely to continue tomorrow.

SANGLI, Feb. 16 (A.P.I.)—The general body of the Sangli City Municipality, which held a meeting this morning here, elected Mr. B. A. Daftardar, a journalist, as the president of the Sangli Municipality.

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Hindu: Magh Shud 7, 2004.
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Akher 6, 1367.
Parsi: Shehrever 17, 1317.
Sunrise: 7-07 a.m. Sunset: 18-40 p.m.
Hightide: 03-40, 16-48. Lowtide: 10-14, 21-59.

To-day's Engagements

ROTARY CLUB: At Green's Hotel (first floor) at 1-45 p.m. Mr. R. Mathalone on "Experiences of a Presidency Magistrate".

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: The annual conference of the Council will be opened by Rani Maharaj Singh at 4-45 p.m. today at the University Convocation Hall. The programme includes a welcome address by the President, Mrs. Roshan K. B. Bharucha, Inaugural address by Rani Maharaj Singh and a talk by the Hon'ble Mr. Morarji R. Desai.

SILVERFISH: A talk to be given today by Mr. V. C. Rajgopalan is postponed.

SWASTIK LEAGUE: A ceremonial parade of the S.L.V. Corps was held at the V. M. Swastik Mandir on Thursday last to mourn the death of Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. S. S. Sabnis, G.O.C. of the Swastik League Volunteer Corps and Mr. M. V. Jayakar, O.C., spoke on the occasion. The parade stood to attention for two minutes and the last post was sounded. The parade then dispersed.

A.I.S.A., KHADI BHANDAR, AND BOMBAY UPANAGAR JILLA GRAMODYOG SANGH: A.I.S.A. Khadi Bhandar and Bombay Upanagar Jilla Gramodyog Sangh, Kalbadevi henceforth will observe every Friday as weekly holiday from Friday 20th February 1948 instead of every Sunday.

SHAKADWIPIYA BRAHMAN BANDHU PARIWAR:— The Soorya Jayanti will be celebrated today at the Temple of Shri Soorya Narayan at Panjrapole Lane near Madhavbaug between 4 p.m. and 8-30 p.m. After the Pooja and Katha Pandit Niranjan Sharma Ajit, Pandit Madhavacharyaji and Pt. Reveshankar Meghji Delwadakar will speak.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Governor of Bombay received Mr. Ravi N. Shukla.

Rani Maharaj Singh received Mrs. Dongerkery and Miss Ratan H. Coyajee.

Rani Maharaj Singh visited the Offices of the Bombay Women's Distress Relief Committee, at the Secretariat, where she was received by Lady Masani, Chairman of the Committee.

Lady Mody, Sir Fazal and Lady Rahimtoola, Mr. J. S. Bharucha, Mr. and Mrs. Dahanukar, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. S. Malelu, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. deMierre, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. F. Cole and Raja Amarnath Atal came to lunch.

His Excellency and Rani Maharaj Singh attended an "At Home" given by Brigadier D. S. Brar and Officers of the Headquarters, Bombay Sub-Area, at the Cooperage Football Ground. Rani Maharaj Singh distributed the prizes.

Later Rani Maharaj Singh attended an "At Home" given by the National Council of Women in India, at the residence of Mrs. Premchand at 7, Narayan Dabholkar Road.

RASHTRABHASHA EXAMINATIONS: The Secretary of B. P. Rashtrabhasha Prachar Sabha writes:—

The postponed Rashtrabhasha Examinations—Prarambhic, Pravesh, Parichaya and Kovid—of the Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, Wardha, will be held on Sunday the 7th March between 10-30 a.m. and 5-30 p.m. (Parichaya and Kovid Examinations will be held on Saturday the 6th March also) at the following centres:—Fort, Kalbadevi, Girgaum, Mandvi, Dongri, Dadar, Matunga, Bandra, Khar, Santa Cruz, Vile Parle, Andheri, Malad, Kandivali, Sion and Ghatkopar.

This time about 5,000 candidates are appearing from Bombay for these Examinations.

"Kiska Bhoot" On Friday At Sunderbai Hall

Ipta's new Hindustani play "Kiska Bhoot" which for its dramatic suspense, sparkling humour, brilliant acting and purposeful ending has already won the applause of local theatre-goers is being presented again on Friday 19th instant at 6-30 p.m. at Sunderbai Hall in response to the insistent public demand. This will be positively the last show in this area.

Directed by Bhishni Sahni, the play features Zohara Segal, the well-known stage star, Balraj Sahni and others.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY, Feb. 17, (Tuesday).

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. S. K. Abhyankar (Vocal) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Shridhar Parsekar (Desi Todi on Violin) 8-45 Ratikumar Vyas (Gujarati Bhajan) 9-0 Shamala Mazgaonkar (Lalit) 12-0 p.m. Akashvani Ne Chotare (G) 12-45 News (M) 12-25 News (G) 12-55 Suno Sab Rang 1-25 News H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Lou Preger and his Orchestra 2-0 Maxine Sullivan 2-15 The Sentimentalists 4-20 School Broadcasts Talk in Marathi by L. Vijayakar 5-0 Eknath Prabhu (Violin) 5-15 P. R. Bhope (Purvi) 5-35 Surdas Bhajan 5-45 News (K) 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Bhaskarrao Amembal (Bhajan) 6-30 P. R. Bhope (Vocal) 6-45 Sham Devre (Marwa) 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Locals 7-15 P. R. Bhope (Vocal) 7-30 Nirmalecha Samsar Talk in Marathi by Krishnabai Mote 7-45 Rasoolanbai (Dadra) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Ghanti Nan Pad 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Musical Interlude 9-45 Poets at Play: Nonsensical Verse Talk in Englisr by P. R. Kaikini 10-0 Daulat Nanavaty: Pianoforte 10-30 Willi Domgraf—Fassbaender—10-40 Eric Sargon: Violin

VARIATIONS.

41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)—7-40 a.m. 'Prem Geette' 5-45 p.m. Mohan Karve (Ambika) 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners 7-15 to 7-30 Interval.

61.48 m. (4,880 kc/s)- 7-45 Commercial News 8-0 Ratikumar Vyas 8-15 Bhaskarrao Amembal (Abhang) 9-0 Mohan Karve 9-30 Iqbal Ki Ghazal 10-0 Shamala Mazgaonkar 10-30 Shridhar Parsekar.

Vote For Congress

It Is Your Civic Duty To Record Your Vote

The following are the Congress candidates for the Municipal elections to be held today. It is your duty as citizens to exercise your franchise and it is the duty you owe to the Congress, which has won freedom for you, to give your votes to the following candidates put up by it:

Ward No. 3 Bori Bunder—1. Dr. V. B. Gandhi (Symbol Motor), 2. Shri Nathalal D. Parekh (Symbol Cycle), 3. Miss Perin N. Nariman (Symbol Lion), Esplanade Maidan South opp. Capital Cinema.

Ward No. 6 Umarkhadi—1. Shri Sahadeo M. Thakare (Symbol Cart), 2. Dr. Bhawanishankar P. (Symbol Motor), 3. Janab Yakub (Devigi H. Lalljee) (Symbol Horse), Maidan at Novroji Hill Road.

Ward No. 11 Fanaswadi—1. Shri B. V. Tambe (Symbol Motor), 2. Dr. Nagindas N. Shah, (Symbol (Lion), Esplanade Maidan North End.

Ward No. 14 Walkeshwar—1. Shri K. F. Nariman (Symbol Motor), 2. Shri Motichand Kapadia (Symbol Lion), 3. S. P. Nadkarni (Symbol Cart), 4. Shri Chimanlal C. Shah (Symbol Horse), Gowalia Tank Maidan.

Ward No. 21 (Byculla (E)—1. Shri R. K. Achrekar (Symbol Lion), 2. Shri M. P. Bharvirkar (Symbol Cart), 3. Shri Shantaram R. Savant (Symbol Horse), Byculla Club Ground, opp. Central Station.

Ward No. 22 Ghorupdeo—1. Shri K. L. Borkar (Symbol Bugle), 2. Dr. D. L. Anande (Symbol Horse), Y.M.C.A. Ground, Rosch Street.

Ward No. 25, Parel—1. Shri M. N. Wagh (Symbol Lion), 2. Dr. D. G. Tendulkar (Symbol Motor), G.S.M. College Ground, Naigaum.

Ward No. 28 Sion—1. Shri B. N. Maheshwari (Symbol Horse), 2. Shri D. M. Shinde (Symbol Motor), Ruia College Ground.

Ward No. 31 Worli—1. Shri V. B. Worlikar (Symbol Cart), 2. G. M. Bhonsale (Symbol Horse), 3. Smt. Tarabai Nikaljay (Symbol Motor), Worli Hill Plot, opposite Readymoney Mansion.

Ward No. 34 Mahim—1. Shri I. S. Patel (Symbol Cart), 2. Shri T. H Sonavane (Symbol Cycle), 3. Shri Keru Mukund Chougale (Symbol Lion), Shivaji Park Maidan.

Total Voters: 2,56,362.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION: DO NOT VOTE BLIND

Mrs. Bapsey Sabavala writes:

"The Municipal election has commenced. This is a time, not for random gossip, tea-drinking, and blind voting, but a time when every citizen of Bombay should realise his responsibility towards his city and all its residents. Voting should be, above all and everything consideratious. Vote not as you are told, not as you are led, but as your own reason points the way. In short vote for the "man" and not for the "party". If, however, in your particular word you do not find the right man then it is better not to vote at all than vote for the wrong man and regret it. Only the "Right man in the right place" can serve humanity.

VOTE SOCIALIST SAYS SANE GURUJI

The office Secretary of the Socialist Party (Bombay) writes:

Sane Guruji, from his bed on the 13th day of his fast, appeals to the voters to vote for the Socialist candidates who are perhaps the only candidates wholly beyond communalism and fully secular in their outlook.

SOCIALIST CANDIDATES

The following are the Socialist Party candidates for Tuesday's Municipal Election:—

Ward No. 3 Bori Bunder—1. Premchand Kedia (Symbol Hammer).

6. Umarkhadi—1. Rajaram Krishna Chimbulkar (Symbol Hammer) 2. Mohmad Abdulla Parkar (Symbol Rly. Engine).

Ward No. 11 Fanaswadi—1. Dr Yeshvant Atmaram Samant (Symbol Rly. Engine).

Ward No. 14 Walkeshwar—1. Rohit Dave (Symbol Hammer).

Ward No. 21 Byculla (East)—1. Damodar Ganesh Mahajan (Symbol Hammer). 2. Bhikhu Dhondiba Jhute (Rly. Engine).

Ward No. 22 Ghorupdeo—1. Gunaji Pandurang Padwal (Symbol Hammer).

Ward No. 25 Parel—1. Ashok Ranglitram Mehta (Symbol Hammer), 2. Shridhar Vasudeo Redkar (Rly. Engine).

Ward No. 28 Sion—1. M. Madnavan (Symbol Hammer).

Ward No. 31 Worli—1. Sakharam Bala Powar (Symbol Rly. Engine), 2. Kedarnath Dhukti Upadyaya (Symbol Hammer).

Ward No. 34 Mahim—1. Anand Ramchandra Sonavane (Symbol Rly. Engine), 2. Alvares Alice (Hammer).

S. K. PATIL SAYS

VOTE CONGRESS AND CONSOLIDATE NEWLY-WON FREEDOM OF INDIA

Shri S. K. Patil, President of the B.P.C.C., has issued the following hints for Municipal voters:

(1) It is the duty of every voter to exercise his right of vote. Not to do so is dereliction of duty.

(2) If the onveyance is available, well and good. Even in the absence of it, your plain duty is to reach the booth anyhow and cast your vote.

(3) If you have changed your residence during the last one year, your vote will be at your previous residence. Do not fail to go to the proper polling booth even if you have not received the candidate's card.

(4) Vote in the early hours of morning. That is the surest insurance against impersonation. That also helps your candidate to assess his strength in time.

(5) Get the necessary information as to how you have to vote before you actually enter the polling booth.

(6) Higher the poll, surer are the chances for Congress candidates.

(7) Do not be carried away by eleventh hour propaganda. Vote according to your conscience.

(8) Vote CONGRESS and thereby show your readiness to consolidate and strengthen the Freedom which India has won after great sufferings and sacrifices.

Solving City Congestion Problem

Corporation Move For Conference With Representatives Of Govt.

BOMBAY, Monday.

Apart from solving the problem of congestion at present prevailing in the city, the Bombay Municipal Corporation could very efficiently and effectively tackle the question of accommodating the thousands of refugees from Sind, if the municipal limits of the city were extended said, Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patil, moving a proposal for holding a joint conference for settling the question between the representatives of the Corporation and the Government of the Bombay, at a meeting of the Corporation this afternoon.

The question of extending the municipal limits of the city had been mooted some time ago, continued Mr. Patel. It had been discussed at two conferences between the representatives of the Corporation and the Bombay Government. It would be wise to expedite the matter and get it settled quickly.

The city of Bombay was receiving more and yet more refugees. If the limits of the city were extended these refugees could be accommodated in the city without causing congestion. As most of the refugees came from the towns and cities of Sind, they were averse to being shifted to rural areas and were anxious to settle down in the city.

Mr. Patel remarked that the matter brooked no delay and should be settled expeditiously and, therefore, he proposed an early joint conference.

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE DEMAND

Another matter which came before the Corporation this evening was a request from the Schools Committee for an additional grant of Rs. 5,75,000 to enable the committee to pay off the arrears of difference of salary for which the teaching staff had been anxiously waiting for a very long time and, on account of the delay in payment of which, the teaching staff had felt compelled to threaten to resort to a 'sit down strike.'

This matter was kept pending.

STRIKE LEADERS CONDEMNED

Before the House rose for the day, Mr. P. M. Chinai moved and Mr. S. K. Patil seconded and supported the following amendment.

"The Corporation while sympathising with the workers for the hardships and sufferings through which they had to go as a result of their strike and congratulating them on their wise decision to resume work immediately, are emphatically of the opinion that those who advised these workers to go on strike had done signal disservice to the cause of labour in general and to the strikers in particular."

Mr. Patil condemned the leaders responsible for the strike and observed that strikes against State-owned and State-controlled Corporations such as the Bombay Port Trust were a challenge to the constituted authority of the State, which unless fairly and squarely met by the State, backed up and supported by the public would result in anarchy and indiscipline and would bring about chaos and confusion.

The House at this stage was adjourned to meet on Monday next.

COLOMBO, Feb. 16. (UPI.) Mr. V. V Giri, The Indian High Commissioner in Ceylon, has been informed telegraphically from Delhi that Mahathaji's ashes will be sent to Ceylon. The immersion ceremony has been tentatively fixed to take place on 21st February.

Memorial meetings are being held this week at Punduloya Kandy and Colombo and these meetings will be addressed, among others, by Dr. P. Subbaroyan and Mrs. Subbaropan.

"AN INSPECTOR CALLS"

Theatre Group Presents Priestley's Play

The first production of the "Theatre Group" for this year is J. B. Priestley's "An Inspector Calls". One of the latest works to come from this dramatist's facile pen, the play is set in England in the year 1912 and deals with the visit of a police inspector to the home of a wealthy middle-class family, in order to investigate the suicide of a young girl. He proceeds to tear down the smug complacency of the members of the family and shows how each one of them in one way or another was responsible for the tragic fate of the girl.

Behind his simple plot Priestley has concealed an attack on one of the major ills which has resulted in the needless slaughter of thousands of innocent persons in two World Wars. In the brilliant climax of the play he states "We don't live alone. We are members of one body. We are responsible for each other. And I tell you that the time will soon come when, if men will not learn that lesson then they will be taught it in fire and blood and anguish".

The production and direction has been executed by Deryck Jeffereis and Adi Marzban. The cast is a small one and has been hand-picked from among Bombay Amateurs. The Inspector is played by Bernard Gardiner, while Hamind and Czarina Savani play the mother and father. Feroze Cooper and Mehelli Gobhai the son and daughter, Derek Gulati and Shiraz Jeffereis play the son-in-law to be and the maid.

The production is to be mounted at the St. Xavier's College Hall on the 19th and 20th of February at 6-30 p.m

Drama Fetches Rs. 2,000 For Kerala Desiya Mahila Samaj

One of the best Malayalam dramas ever enacted in Bombay was witnessed on Sunday last at St. Xavier's College Hall when the Bombay Keraleeya Samaj staged "Jaethakal".

A large gathering consisting of prominent Keralites in the city was present.

The drama was staged in aid of the Kerala Desiya Mahila Samaj, a well-known institution in North Malabar, carrying on literary and other activities among women of all cases. There was ample response from the Kerala residents in Bombay.

The proceeds, a little over Rs. 2,000 were given to Srimati Amnukutty Amma, President of the Samaj, who was present on the occasion. She thanked the audience and the donors for their generous contributions.

Mr. N. N. Menon, Secretary of the Committee in aid of the Samaj, thanked those, who helped to make the drama a success and those who patronised a deserving cause.

The actors displayed histrionic talents of a high order and special mention may be made of Messrs. Nanappan and Warrior, who acquitted themselves remarkably well in their respective roles.

Ceylon's Independence Day

Under the auspices of the Maha Bodhi Society Ceylon's Independence Day Celebration was held at Bahujana Vihara, Parel on Sunday last under the presidentship of Mr G. A. Fernando, the Secretary to the Trade Commissioner of Ceylon. The Lion flag was hoisted by the president amidst loud cheers.

The president in his speech mentioned that the Ceylon's Independence was obtained without any bloodshed and in a constitutional way as a member of the British Commonwealth. The King himself stated that Ceylon attained its Independence without any bloodshed, civil disobedience or any other kind of agitation and therefore all drank to the health of the King. Many Ceylonese, who gathered at the function, spoke at the meeting and suggested that India and Ceylon should be connected by bonds of friendship as in the days of Asoka, the great both religiously and culturally. The meeting was served with light refreshment.

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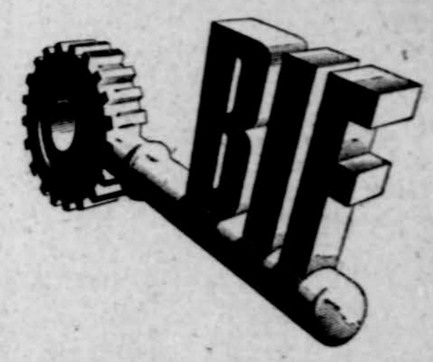

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DAILY WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, Feb. 16, (A. P. I.): The following is daily weather summary for Monday the 16th February, 1948:—

Observations from North-West India are lacking. Yesterday's western disturbance lies this morning over Sind and the adjoining parts of west Rajputana.

Thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Assam and occurred at a few stations in the south-west Punjab, Baluchistan, Sind, Rajputana and along the north Madras coast. Night temperatures were below normal from the Bombay Deccan to Bihar and Assam.

FORECAST UNTIL THE 17TH EVENING:—Thundershowers will occur locally in east Rajputana and in and near Central India. Scattered thundershowers are also likely in the United Provinces, the south Punjab, the east Central Provinces and along the north Madras coast.

Night temperatures will rise over the region from west Central India and east Rajputana to the east United Provinces.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 16, (A. P. I.): Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from 1st November 1947 and departure from normal recorded at eight hours (I. S. T.), on 16th February, 1948:—

Ahmedabad 89 62 0 4.4 plus 4.1, Allahabad 81 51 0 0.5 minus 1.4, Bangalore 89 66 0 1.6 minus 1.8, Baroda 91 58 0 0.2 nil, Belgaum 84 58 0 2.9 plus 0.9, BOMBAY 84 69 0 0.3 minus 0.5, Calcutta 83 62 0 3.3 plus 1.3, Colombo 87 73 0 15.8 minus 7.5, Darjeeling 43 31 0.1 0.4 minus 1.9, Dehra Dun 69 43 0 0.4 minus 4.9 Delhi 74 51 0 2.3 plus 0.2, Hyderabad (Dn.) 88 66 0 1.1 minus 0.8, Karachi 80 68 0 0.3 minus 0.7, Lucknow 79 51 0 1.2 minus 0.6, Madras 92 78 0 5.5 minus 15.5, Mahabaleshwar 78 nil 0 1.5 minus 0.5, Mussoorie 50 37 0 0.9 minus 6.0, Nagpur 83 54 0 4.0 nil, Ootacamund 69 45 0 3.9 minus 5.6, Pachmarhi 71 48 0 2.7 plus 0.5, Patna 80 52 0 0.4 minus 1.2, Poona 88 55 0 1.8 plus 0.4, Rajkot 87 64 0 0.1 minus 0.1, Shahapur 90 61 0 0.4 minus 1.5, Simla 74 nil 0 1.9 minus 5.1, Srinagar 35 25 0 5.6 minus 1.2, Surat 88 65 0 0.1 minus 0.5.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The career of a great man remains an enduring monument of human energy. The man dies and disappears, but his thoughts and acts survive and leave an indelible stamp upon his race.

—SMILES.

The Bombay Chronicle

UNIFICATION OF KATHIAWAR

The new United State of Kathiawar was formally inaugurated by Sardar Vallabhbhai on Sunday with the installation of the Jam Saheb of Nawanagar as the Raja Pramukh or the Constitutional head of the State and the election of Mr. U. N. Dhebar as the State's Chief Minister. It may be remembered that towards the end of January last the rulers of Kathiawar States entered into a Covenant for the formation of the United State of Kathiawar. Under the Covenant the new State came into existence on the first of this month when the Rajpramukh and other ruler-members of the Presidium entered upon the duties of their respective offices. But the State will begin to function fully only in April next.

Reviewing the recent constitutional developments in the States and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's appeal to them to reform themselves under the Indian Union, the Jam Saheb said at the inauguration ceremony on Sunday: "You would get a wrong idea of history, if you do not visualise clearly the circumstances that existed in India at that time, forces that were working—and believe me, there were some sinister forces that were working for our disruption—and appreciate the patriotic response from the rulers of the Indian States". While there are still several States which have not made adequate response to Sardar Patel's appeal for constitutional reforms, a strong reform movement in the States has undoubtedly set in, and the Kathiawar Union is its finest product. The difficulties in its way were numerous. The States of Kathiawar have been aptly described by Sardar Patel as "a veritable jigsaw puzzle of different jurisdictions" as about 450 of them with a total population of only about 4 millions divide Kathiawar into 860 different areas. To be more precise, the States of Kathiawar comprise 13 salute States, 107 limited jurisdiction States and 329 non-Jurisdiction Estates and Talukas, the administration being further complicated by the fact that many of the States have scattered islands of territory all over the area. The Salute States of Nawanagar, Gondal and Junagadh, for instance, have respectively 9, 18 and 24 separate scattered areas.

Reviewing recently the numerous administrative difficulties caused by such a position, Sardar Patel remarked: "Because the jurisdiction changes every few miles, communications are in a primitive condition. Internal trade is rendered difficult by the Export and Import Duties and the Octrois which the various units levy, and this encourages extensive smuggling and black-market operations. The administration of justice and the maintenance of Law and Order under these circumstances are greatly handicapped. The economic development of the region, which has great potentialities, is hampered by its political fragmentation." When, therefore, Sardar Patel took charge of the States Department he devoted himself earnestly to the task of unifying all these States into one and at last succeeded in persuading the rulers to accept the present scheme of the United State of Kathiawar. The most gratifying feature of the scheme is that there will be responsible Government in the new State and that, under the rulers' Covenant, the State is free to negotiate "a union of Kathiawar with other Gujarati-speaking areas on such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by the Council of Rulers as well as the Council of Ministers of Kathiawar. All India therefore, will join the Governor-General and the Prime Minister of India in congratulating the Kathiawar rulers on the great scheme of unification, an event which Pandit Nehru justly hails as "one of the most notable in contemporary Indian history". All India will also join the Jam Saheb in his tribute to Sardar Patel for his lead in evolving the scheme and his strenuous statesmanlike efforts to ensure its success. However, what has been achieved is, in the words of the Sardar, the realisation of but one dream "The next objective", he says, should be to attract the neighbouring states including Cutch and pave the way for the ultimate realisation for a greater dream,—a Maha Gujarat—which they could achieve by being strong and self-reliant". There are also other objectives with regard to other states. They, too will be achieved if the people are strong and self-reliant and if the rulers concerned are as statesmanlike as those of Kathiawar.

Frankly Speaking

Right Decision

The Muslim League Parliamentary Party of the United Provinces deserves to be congratulated on its decision to dissolve itself. Among the reasons given by the Party for this decision is that in a secular Democratic State based on the principle of joint electorate it is neither possible nor desirable to have a communal Parliamentary Party. This is an all-prevailing reason. The party, however, enumerates other cogent reasons also, namely, that the "Dominion Government had given assurance from time to time that the Government would in fact function on secular basis and enforce legitimate rights of minorities" and that "the dastardly assassination of Mahatma Gandhi has created strong reactions against reactionary forces which gives hope that minorities would get a fair deal in future." But the most important reason for this decision is that "it is essential that Muslims do take part along with other progressive forces in the reconstruction of the State and the evolution of a strong united nation". We trust the example set by the United Provinces Muslim League Parliamentary Party will immediately be followed by similar parties in other provinces.

Violation Of Congress Constitution

In another resolution passed by it the United Provinces Muslim League Parliamentary Party "deplored the policy of the United Provinces Government in regard to language and demanded that Hindustani written in both scripts be declared as official language of the Province for courts, education, assemblies and administration. The Party also "drew the attention of the Government that in the name of the national language, an artificial language, namely, highly Sanskritised Hindi, was being forced, which was not even intelligible to non-Hindus and which is in utter violation of the solemn pledges given to the minorities." We have ourselves in these columns condemned the decision of the United Provinces Legislative Assembly to make Hindi with Devnagri script as the official language of the province. This decision and also a similar one of the Bihar Government constitute a clear and lamentable violation of the Congress Constitution which lays down that Hindustani in either Devnagri or Urdu script should be the national language of the country. Besides, they go definitely against the view often expressed by Gandhiji. We trust the U.P. and Bihar Governments will reconsider their decision, at least out of respect for Gandhiji, if not for anything else.

Cart Before The Horse

At a public meeting at Jammu, on Sunday, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru expressed a fear that, instead of discussing and deciding our references regarding Kashmir in a straightforward manner, several nations represented on the U.N. Security Council "got lost in power politics." That feeling has been amply confirmed by the first hand reports of three members of the Indian Delegation to the Council who returned to India on Sunday. Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Iyengar, leader of the Delegation, says we have gained nothing so far, that we are where we were at the beginning. Charitably interpreting the attitude of the Council, Mr. Iyengar observes that the majority of the members of the Council are of the view that the Council should not deal at once with the "immediate problem" of clearing Kashmir of the raiders, but that they should, view the problem from different angles and that they should first tackle "matters of a more fundamental character." The only fundamental issue, among those discussed before the Council, is regarding plebiscite, to which India has never objected. But the plebiscite itself presupposes the stopping of fighting and generally, the restoration of normal conditions. Curiously enough, the majority in the Council, while conceding that Pakistan should desist from helping the raiders, wants a decision on plebiscite first, which is hardly reasonable.

Unreasonable Propositions

What is even more unreasonable is the proposal of the majority of the Council that the plebiscite should take place under the auspices of the UNO and that as a preliminary measure the Indian troops should be withdrawn from Kashmir. Now, having acceded to the Indian Union, Kashmir is part of the Indian Union for purposes of defence, and Indian troops cannot be withdrawn so long as the defence of Kashmir is in jeopardy. And if a plebiscite under U.N.O. auspices implies administration by an agency of the U.N.O. or any external authority, it is unthinkable. The utmost India would concede is, as suggested, by Mr. Iyengar, that the Security Council may send observers to watch the plebiscite proceedings and offer suggestions

Congratulations

The Working Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha may be congratulated on its decision "to suspend its political activities and to concentrate on real Sangathan work, the relief and rehabilitation of refugees and the solution of our diverse social, cultural and religious problems for the creation of a powerful and well-organised Hindu society in Independent India." The Committee's resolution says that the Mahasabha "was primarily meant to be a social and cultural organisation." But, the Committee pleads, the Mahasabha had to undertake political activities to safeguard Hindu or national interests against the reactionary alliance between imperialist Britain and the Muslim League. But as the Hindus have always been in a vast majority, they needed no separate political organisation to safeguard their interests. The Mahasabhites might have achieved better results if they had confined themselves to their primary aim of social consolidation, including the removal of untouchability, and if in politics they had worked as part of the Congress. But, unfortunately, they hindered, rather than helped, the Congress in its struggle for independence, and often co-operated with Government against Congress. They also sadly neglected the task of social consolidation, and most of the propaganda against untouchability had to be carried on by Gandhiji and the Congress.

Make Amends

However, it is never too late to mend. The Mahasabha may yet really "concentrate on real Sangathan work"—and on the solution of diverse social and religious problems. There is ample work of this type for earnest workers. The Working Committee itself points out that there is now "a danger of civil war between Hindus and Hindus." That is due partly to communal power politics, which the Mahasabha has long advocated, and partly due to neglect by Hindu leaders and institutions of true social Sangathan. To avert the expected danger of civil war let the forthcoming All-India Committee of the Mahasabha, while endorsing the resolution of the Working Committee, draw up a detailed plan of social Sangathan and call upon Hindus in general to work out the plan. It is superfluous to add that the success of the plan will depend on the sincerity and the earnest efforts of the Mahasabha leaders.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Name Delhi As Gandhi Nagar

Sir,—But for Gandhiji's leadership the nation would not have attained that status in the face of the World as it has attained today. But for him the remarkable changes of Aug. 15 last year would not have taken place. But for his personality and wise and timely counsel, our revered leaders, who are today guiding the destiny of the nation, would not have been able to tackle the many-sided difficulties that confronted them.

Though Bapu wanted to leave Delhi soon for Sevagram, an ideal place of his own creation, it was Providence that made Bapu to stay in Delhi.

In memory of him and as a mark of respect and reverence, let Delhi, the Capital of this country, from where the nation as a whole is and will be guided, be named after him as "Gandhi Nagar" and the place of Bapu's cremation as Gandhi Chowk.—Yours, etc.,

K. SUNDERASEN

Phones For Doctors

Sir,—An aggrieved member of the medical profession wrote to a local newspaper the other day bitterly complaining of the Bombay Telephone authority's langour in allotting telephones to doctors, whose need to be reached by the public in a life-and-death emergency is irrefutable. The correspondent cited the example of the U. S. A. where, he said, the medicos had been provided promptly with hundreds of telephones since the war ended.

The General Manager, "Bombay Telephones", in a reply to the self-same newspaper laconically dismissed the outcry by stating that doctors' names were being registered in a special list and given priority over the general public.

Presumably he could not say now long still it would take even approximately to provide the doctors on his "special list" with telephones.

The inertia that has overtaken the heavily staffed Telephone Department in Bombay is very telling when it is a known fact that telephones like tenements have illegitimately changed hands, obviously for a consideration, and the authorities are sitting back without launching a drive to reclaim all unauthorisedly used or owned instruments so that those entitled to most urgent claim may be offered service without further delay and the long waiting list may at least be partially curtailed.

If the authorities after 2-1/2 years since the war ended are unable to cope with the long waiting list, can they not instal for the time being one or more temporary exchanges such as existed prior to the automatic telephones in order that not only the public may be served with a much-needed service promptly, but also that a number of women employees who will shortly be dislodged owing to decontrol of food-grains textiles etc., may be provided with employment as telephone operators?

The disadvantage to Government who are losing so much income and also to hundreds of would-be unemployed literate women by the present dilly-dallying telephone policy will at once be obvious and it is hoped that the press and the public will alike agitate for a quick solution of this vexatious tangle.—Yours, etc.

S. P. SWAMI.

Nearly 10-Crore Surplus In Railway Budget

(Continued from Page 1.)

position as regards the current year.

BUDGET ESTIMATES

As regards the year 1948-49, although we had now come to the end of the more serious phase of the civil disturbances which had occurred since partition, we were still much too near this period of disturbances to be able to determine with any degree of reasonable precision either current trends or probable trends in the coming year. Such estimates as his advisers had been able to make gave the following figures:

We expected that in 1948-49 the gross traffic receipts would be Rs. 190 crores. As against that, we estimated that the ordinary working expenses would be Rs. 147.15 crores. To that we had to add depreciation of the order of Rs. 11.11 crores. Then there was payment on lines that we worked on behalf of outside concerns. Their share of traffic receipts would come to 1.45 crores. The total net receipt was, therefore, estimated at Rs. 30.22 crores. To that 30.22 crores we had to add various miscellaneous receipts. This would give us a net revenue of Rs. 2.18 crores. Altogether, therefore, in 1948-49, we expected to have a net revenue of Rs. 32.40 crores.

From that we had to deduct interest payable to Government for the money borrowed by the railways. That had been calculated at the rate of 3.25 per cent and was expected to amount to Rs. 22.53 crores. Deducting Rs. 22.53 crores from the total net revenue of Rs. 32.40 crores, we were left with a new surplus of 9.87 crores for 1948-49.

THE SURPLUS

Now the question was what was to be done with this net surplus of Rs. 9.87 crores which we expected in 1948-49. First of all there was the question of the contribution to general revenues. We had for many reasons considered it feasible and satisfactory that this question should be entrusted for decision to a Committee composed of Members of the House. A Committee had, therefore, been appointed consisting of three members of the Standing Finance Committee and three members of the Railway Standing Finance Committee under a chairman having the authority and reputed judgment of no less a person than the Speaker of the House, Mr. G. V. Mavalankar. Pending the receipt of the findings of the Committee, Government did not propose to make any allocations out of the general surplus just now. When the findings of this Committee had been received and Government had been able to arrive at their own decision upon these findings, then in the ordinary course proposals would be made before the House for the necessary appropriations.

TRAFFIC MOVEMENT

A more general question in which the House was very deeply interested was the question of the prospects of traffic movement on our railways in the future. When he presented his budget statement to the House last November, he told the House that the circumstances with which the railways were faced then were more difficult than any that he had anticipated in his most pessimistic moments. What he was inclined to say today, looking at the trend of things, was that probably they had reached a stage where the steady process of deterioration which began with the Partition and the consequences that flowed from partition had now been definitely checked. (Hear, hear.)

He believed on such evidence that he had been able to see, that they had reached a stage when they could say with a certain degree of assurance that they had turned the corner. That did not mean that there was any striking, decided improvement that he could report. What it meant was that they had reached a stage where they could go forward, expecting steady progress. He did not anticipate that they should be called upon to retrace their steps or to look back.

WORKSHOP POSITION

The next factor he wanted to deal with was the workshop position. There were two elements of improvement in connection with the workshops. Firstly, there was the question of availability of spare parts and, secondly, the question of labour and its output.

During the past few months, there had been a perceptible improvement in the delivery of orders of spare parts from the U. K. secondly, it had been possible for us with the co-operation of the Defence Ministry, to utilise increasingly the spare capacity for manufacturing these spare parts in our Ordnance factories. Thirdly, with the co-operation of the Industries and Supplies Minister, the Railways had been able to get some relaxation of the arrangement of the indents for spare parts of all kinds being placed through the Industry and Supply Department. He had been able to get some relaxation so that the local Administrations were in a position today to exercise a great deal more initiative in canvassing and investigating the possibility of getting spare parts in local areas. In 1948, the orders that the railways had been able to place in India for spare parts showed an improvement of nearly 37 per cent over the orders placed in India in 1947.

He was glad to be able to say that on practically all our principal railways today, there was an improvement in the number of man-days worked in the workshops. That was a cheering fact.

EXCHANGE OF STAFF

As regards the difficulties that arose from the transfer and exchange of staff between India and Pakistan, Dr. Matthai said that about 100,000 men had been exchanged and settled in new positions in the course of about two-and-half months. That general dislocation was rapidly disappearing and men were beginning to settle down in their new positions. One of the most serious difficulties that they had to face was that the transfer resulted on the Indian side in a shortage of essential workers in particular categories. On the E. I. R., the shortage of engine drivers created a first class national crisis in respect of coal movements. The shortage, which was originally 47 per cent, had been reduced to 25 per cent in November. The latest figure was that the shortage had come down to nine per cent.

CALL TO TRADE & INDUSTRY

In recent months there had been undue detention of wagons at destinations by the Railway's customers, by factories, by mines, by trade and sometimes by Government Departments in provinces and States. This was one of the more serious difficulties with which the Railways were faced at present. He was well aware of the difficulties with which trade and industry were faced in the matter of handling of waggons, but he did think that when Railways transport was in the difficult position in which it was today, he had a right to ask industry and trade to give us more co-operation.

As against this position, the Railways had reduced the free time allowed for demurrage purpose from nine hours daily to six hours. Sundays were to count. We were raising demurrage on some of our railways like the E.I.R., B.B. and C.I., and G.I.P., We had asked the Railways and we were going to insist on it that they should set before themselves a target of a maximum of three hours for bringing a wagon for unloading immediately it arrived at a terminal station.

Last October, when we are faced with the great shortage of engine crew, the total number of wagons that we sent on the E.I.R. and B.N.R. to the collieries dropped somewhere about 1,400. In November this increased to 2,500 and the last figure was 2,900.

DECONTROL TELLS

This operational improvement had been to some extent offset by the disorganisation of traffic which had been caused by the policy of decontrol. Before we introduced decontrol, all the more essential movements of foodgrains, for instance, were sponsored by Government.

All movements sponsored by Government were given top priority and graded in class one. When Government decided to reduce their commitments and it became necessary, therefore, to make it possible for private movements to go more freely, we raised all movements of foodgrains on private or trade account from class four up to class two. The result was that in class two today there was so large a number of indents for wagons that the Railways were unable to cope with all the demands made on them. When he allowed unregulated movements by train on private account, there was a great wastage of transport. Goods were despatched by traders to a particular destination. Immediately they were rebooked and sent on to another destination, which was much nearer the original point of the consignment.

Those uneconomic movements were putting a very great strain upon Railways and it appeared to him that if they wanted to maintain the economic life of the country on a normal basis, it was necessary for them to take into consideration a programme of movement of essential commodities. In other words, they had to take up the question, in the circumstances with which they were faced today of determining with reference to priority of the nature and direction of the traffic. They had to consider regulation by fixation of quotas and regulation by zonal control. He was not going to suggest for a moment that they were going to do it immediately. They were not, but they were watching the situation very carefully and if they found that the policy of decontrol was going to be defeated by the unnecessary load which was being put on the Railways, it was necessary for them to take the matter up for active consideration.

QUESTION OF PRIORITIES

As regards the question of Railways priorities, the Act now governing regulation of transport would come up again before the House for consideration. Without committing the Government in any way, as far as he could express a personal opinion on this question, his feeling was that it would be necessary for us to continue control of Railway priorities. But he thought it was up to us to take steps for regulating these priorities more in accordance with the opinion and wishes of the trades concerned. He was applying his mind to the question of providing the Regional Controllers with a small, effective authoritative Committee in each region which would represent the best business opinion of that area.

PROSPECT FOR 1948-49

As regards prospects for 1948-49, unless untoward developments occurred, he expected a marked improvement by March 1949. The Railways had already taken in hand various schemes for doubling the line capacity at various points of heavy congestion. We had set ourselves the target of completing these works by March, 1949. A number of schemes for remodelling and extension of marshalling yards were also expected to be completed by March 1949. If we were to achieve our objective, then by the end of 1948-49 there would be a considerable improvement.

The number of general service wagons scheduled to be delivered by the manufacturers in India by the end of 1948 was 4,050. In addition we expected that oil tank wagons numbering about 150 would also be delivered by the end of 1948. Then we had placed an order in Canada for oil tank wagons, which was also expected to be delivered by March 1949. Other classes of wagons numbering 177 were also scheduled to be delivered by the end of 1948.

He was not saying that in the present conditions in India regarding labour and material it would be possible for manufacturers to deliver the wagons according to schedule. But he had strong reasons to believe that at least half the number would be delivered. If they were in a position to put on the lines at least 2,000 additional wagons in the course of the next year, it would make for a perceptible improvement.

NEW LOCOMOTIVES

Similarly, they expected 146 new locomotives to be delivered in the course of 1948. That, with the improvement which was noticeable in the workshop position, must make a difference for the better as regards locomotives.

Thirdly, the shipping position appeared to show some improvement. If they were able in 1948-49 to divert some of the heavy traffic from Calcutta to Bombay by Rail to the sea route, it would very considerably ease the Railway position.

He had taken the matter up with the Minister for Commerce and between them they expected to find some solution for such traffic. The real point was that if one sent a commodity like coal from Calcutta to Bombay, he must pay Rs. 20 more by sea than by rail, so that although the Railways had increased their freights a good deal, they were still in the country today the cheapest form of transport.

WORLD FOOD POSITION

Dr. Matthai felt that there was something like a marked improvement in the prospects of the world food position. The break in prices that had now occurred in the USA was variously explained. He could not help thinking from such authoritative reports as he had seen that there was a feeling that the prospects of the next harvest in the United States were a good deal better than people expected a few weeks ago. That, probably coupled with possible cuts in the Marshall Plan, might account for the break. But as it was, there was an improvement in the general food position and supposing correspondingly there was an improvement some time towards the end of 1948 in India, then a very heavy load would have been lifted off the Railways. If unfortunately, there was a general improvement in the food position, one of the most serious factors which today were impeding Railway traffic—movement of large quantities of foodgrains from port to upcountry and from surplus provinces to deficit provinces—would have been removed.

Having said all this, he wanted to reaffirm what he said last November that, in spite of these little indications of improvement, he did not think that they should be able to return to normal conditions in less than three years. When he said normal conditions, he meant the time when Railways would be in a position to accept all the traffic that is offered. He had been spreaking about goods traffic.

..OVERCROWDING IN TRAINS..

As regards passenger traffic, he expected a little easing of overcrowding. Due to shortage of buses there was a steady increase in short-distance third class passengers, until they were in a position to restore the bus position. During the war bus traffic decreased by about one-third—they were going to have steadily decreasing average distance travelled by passengers.

Apart from that, in 1948-49, they expected to place on the lines somewhere about 700 to 800 new coaches —350 that had been ordered and 400 coaches expected to be returned by the Defence Department.

Another factor which was going to react on overcrowding was ticketless travelling. In consultation with the U. P. Premier — the problem was particularly acute in the U. P.— the Railways had started a scheme under which 17 platoons of police and 34 Railway Magistrates were employed. The whole cost to be borne by the Railways with the co-operation of the U. P. Premier. Railways had been able to start the scheme on January 15 and the results so far had been definitely encouraging. Similar arrangements were contemplated for West Bengal, Bihar and Assam.

THIRD CLASS TRAVELLING

He believed very strongly that the conditions of third class railway travelling today provided an enormous scope for social service of the highest quality, and he had instructed Railways, on consultation with various recognised social service organisations, to select people with the right training and the right spirit and the right ideas to take up the work. He was watching with some hope, and at the same time with some anxiety, how the arrangement would work.

As regards the use of the Betterment Fund, his own feeling was that the primary purpose of the fund was to provide expenditure which would result in an improvement in amenities for third class passengers. The Railways were going to see to it that such expenditure as they were in a position to provide from the fund would hereafter be devoted in the main to the problem of amenities.

Government would bring a Bill before the House in the course of the current session for the setting up of a Railway Rates Tribunal with a much wider scope than the present Advisory Committee and with a mandatory and not merely advisory jurisdiction. He hoped that with the co-operation of the House it would be possible to put it in operation at the earliest possible date.

The Railway Inquiries Committee would begin to function in the course of a week or two. Mr. Neogy who started the work with great ability and set the lines on which the inquiry should proceed, would now be replaced by Pandit Kunzru who, the Railway Minister was sure, would bring to bear upon the important work all his unique knowledge and experience of public affairs.

In the remarks which he had offered to the House in the evening, the Note that he had tried to strike was a Note of restrained, subdued optimism. That was as far as the near future was concerned. He believed that in spite of the difficulties in which they were passing today, there was a great future before the Indian Railways. He believed also that that future would dawn within a definitely measurable period. He had many reasons for feeling so, but one of his principal reasons was that they had a fine body of men operating the Railways today (hear, hear). From the Chief Commissioner to the Railway Board and from the Railway Administrators down to the humblest employee of the Railways, they had, in the main, by and large, as fine a body of men as there were anywhere in the world today.

In recent times both in the House and outside many allegations and charges had been levelled against Railwaymen, unqualified and in wildly generalised terms. It hurt him to hear those allegations and charges. The House was aware that a special train carried the ashes of the great leader of our people from this city of traffic memories to his final resting place where the sacred waters met. He happened to be a good deal concerned in the preparations made for that special train, and he was in a position to observe not merely the enthusiasm, but the touching loyalty not merely of officers in top positions, but the humblest gangman. That was symbolic of the new spirit of responsibility which had been spreading among the railwaymen ever since the day of independence, a slowly unfolding sense of what was required of them in the changed conditions of today.

There were black sheep in every organisation. It was for responsible leaders, when they were inclined to make charges and allegations, to distinguish the few from the many and not to visit upon the many the sins of the few. "I am speaking today as Minister for Railways responsible for this vast army of men who are operating our Railways and I want, therefore, today not merely as a matter of official convention, but as an honest expression of what I feel and think, to pay a genuine and warm, a very cordial tribute of appreciation and sympathy to India's railwaymen (cheers). For remember upon the shoulders of our Railwaymen today there rests as difficult a problem and as grave a burden as any with which we are faced in these disordered and turbulent (times". (loud cheers).

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

"I do not believe in the exclusive divinity of the Vedas. I believe the Bible, the Koran and the Zend Avesta to be as much divinely inspired as the Vedas. My belief in the Hindu scriptures does not require me to accept every word and every verse as divinely inspired."

"My religion teaches me that whenever there is distress which one cannot remove, one must fast and pray".

"Morality which depends upon the helplessness of a man or woman has not much to recommend it."

"The history of India would have been written differently if the Christians had come to India to live their lives in our midst and permeate ours with their aroma if there was any. There would then have been mutual goodwill and utter absence of suspicion. But say some of them, 'If what you say had held good with Jesus, there would have been no Christians. To answer this would land me in controversy in which I have no desire to engage. But I may be permitted to say that Jesus preached not a new religion but a new life. He called men to repentence. It was he who said, 'Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven".

—GANDHIJI.

Satyagraha For Merger Of Punjab Hill States

SIMLA, Feb. 16, (A.P.I.): A Himalaya Prant Provisional Government headed by Shri Shiva Nand Ramaul (Sirmoor) has been formed to organise Satyagraha for the merger of Punjab Hill States with the Indian Union, following a meeting of the Praja Mandal workers of the Himalayan Hill States a 48-hour notice to the Suket Ruler to sign the merger with the Indian Union, failing which Satyagraha will be started has been given by the General Secretary of the Suket Praja Mandal, Shri Mukandlal. Shri Mukandlal has been chosen as the head of the Provisional Government of Suket State.

COCHIN COUNCIL'S TRIBUTE

ERNAKULAM, Feb. 16 (API).—The Cochin Legislative Council this morning passed a condolence resolution on the death of Maha'ma Gandhi. The House observed two minutes silence in memory of Mahatmaji and adjourned till tomorrow.

"India Got Her Independence But Lost Her Father"

SPEAKER ENDORSES BOMBAY ASSEMBLY'S CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION ON MAHATMA'S DEATH

BOMBAY, Monday.

"Mahatma Gandhi found India weak and unable to find a way out—a way which would end its political subjection. He taught us a new way of life and gave us a new insight into human nature. He guided every footstep of ours for nearly thirty years. And what is unique, he lived to see the fruits of the great struggle, which he had launched.

"Although liberty did not come to India in the way he would have liked there is no denying the fact that he succeeded in achieving the goal he had set for himself—the conversion of the British nation to his view through non-violent means."

This striking tribute to the achievement of Mahatma Gandhi was paid by Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, speaking on a resolution mourning the death of Mahatma Gandhi and expressing deep condemnation of the foul assassination, in the Bombay Legislative Assembly today, the opening day of its budget session.

Mr. Kher continued that Gandhiji achieved all this without firing a single shot, without killing a single person and without so much as harbouring a violent thought against his opponents. It was this fact which had led those who once looked upon him as their most powerful enemy to mourn his loss as genuinely as those who tried to walk in his footsteps.

The resolution which was seconded and supported by Mr. A. A. Khan, leader of the opposition, Mr. S. A. Dange, Mr. C. P. Bramble and Dr. M. N. Natu was passed, all members standing in solemn silence.

Mr. K. S. Firodia, Speaker, also endorsed the sentiments expressed by the Premier and in feeling terms exhorted the members to strive to fulfil what Gandhiji had left unfinished.

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The following is the text of the resolution.

"This Assembly mourns the death of Mahatma Gandhi father of the Indian Nation Architect of India's freedom and Apostle of love, peace and brotherhood who dedicated his life to the service of humanity and who preached the doctrine of non-violence for the solution of political and other problems of mankind and demonstrated its efficacy on many occasions ov his own example

"His unparalleled contribution to the public life of India during the last thirty years in diverse spheres of human activity has placed him in the rank of the great benefactors of mankind who though they have passed away continue to mould and influence the lives of countless human beings in different parts of the globe

"There could not be a more shocking tragedy than the assassination of such a great and revered person and this Assembly expresses its deep condemnation of the foul deed as a most heinous crime against humanity".

DEPARTURE FROM CONVENTION

Moving the resolution Mr. B. G. Kher said that they were meeting under the shadow of a unique tragedy which compelled them to depart from the convention that no reference should be made on the floor of the house to a person who was not at one time or other a member of the House.

The repercussions of the tragedy had not yet been fully realised. Its full implications would be realised only as history unfolded itself. The loss which had been sustained by the death of Mahatmaji was not restricted to any class, or sect or country. It was the loss of the whole world. Mahatma Gandhi did not belong to any class, creed or country. He belonged to the whole world.

His was a many-sided personality. There was not a single walk in life on which he did not bring to bear a new point of view; not one task in which he did not give a wholesome and noble lead. The Premier said he would not attempt to deal with all the aspects of Gandhiji's life but would confine himself to the salient features of his life and teaching which had led every nation in the world to mourn the loss of the Mahatma as the loss of one of their own revered ones.

BEGINNINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA

Gandhiji began his political life in troubled weather in 1893. He found Indians in South Africa living in a degraded condition which no decent man could tolerate. An Indian had no rights as a man because he was an Indian. Gandhiji at once took up the cause of the Indians in South Africa and fought their battle for twenty years.

In India his life was modelled after the same philosophy which he evolved in South Africa. After coming to this country Gandhiji kept up his original faith in the good intentions of the British. He helped them in the Boer War in Africa and the World War of 1914.

HIS FAITH SHAKEN

It was only after the World War that his faith was shaken. It was then that he decided to resist and taught the people to resist British rule by Satyagraha—his unique contribution to the progress of humanity. Satyagraha was his substitute for the traditional method of resisting injustice with violence. While holding that one must non-co-operate with evil he also held that the adoption of violent means would only lead to the growth of the evil. His unflinching adherence to non-violence was demonstrated in February, 1922, when in the face of the opposition of his followers and despite the advice of his tallest supporters like the late Motilal Nehru and C. R. Das he withdrew the non-co-operation movement.

ALL-ROUND PROGRAMME

At the same time Gandhiji realised that there could be no progress in a democratic country without the education of the people. He did not believe that people could just walk up to freedom. He gave them an all-round programme which gave them strength and made them grow up to freedom

For Gandhiji there were no religions but only one religion. Every single activity, every breath of his life was inspired by an undying faith in God. It was because of this faith that he declared that he could not hurt anything that lived. It was this same faith which enabled him to forgive his assassin. But Gandhiji's real task was to mobilise a whole people in the light of that faith, to teach them the non-violent way of removing British rule which he regarded as a curse.

PARTITION HURTS

After detailing how Gandhiji had achieved the main ends he had in view, the Premier stated that there was no doubt that the partition of India hurt him very deeply. And yet to the very last he championed the cause of the Muslims, who, in his view, had been persecuted by the Hindus. He wanted that irrespective of what happened in Pakistan, every citizen of India should feel secure in this country.

TWIN PRINCIPLES

He never minced the truth and day after day in his prayer meetings he struck to the sheet-anchor of his life, to the star which had always guided him, to the twin principles of Truth and Non-violence which had raised him to the pedestal of sainthood. He was antimated by the utter absence of any hatred or animosity against the worst of God's creatures. This was for him but an aspect of Truth. the two being like the two faces of a coin.

It was his constant and fearless advocacy of the Muslim cause which made him incur the greatest unpopularity. He had to suffer the hatred of a large number of Hindus. "While day after day, people who had tasted the bitterness of violence almost to satiety, were being converted to his view, there were, alas, a class of people in this country who thought that they would serve the interests of their country by doing away with him. That any one should have thought it necessary to remove such a one from our midst is the greatest tragedy of our times. The spirit will mar the future and the peaceful progress of this land". Mr. Kher said.

No responsibilbe government could yield to that spirit. No government should hesitate to punish the offenders and the offenders alone. There was the spurious cry that because Hindus were being killed in Pakistan their deeds must be condoned here. The Governments, both Central and Provincial had withstood such pressure.

The occasion, the Premier said, was one for heart searching and to make a firm resolve that the liberty which was secured to India after thirty years of incessant struggle by Mahatmaji would not die. Everything should be done to nurse the delicate plant of liberty yto grow to its fullness in this land.

WHAT GOKHALE SAID

Saying that Gandhiji's life was a gospel, a sermon, the Premier cited the words of the late Gopal Krishana Gokale with reference to Gandhiji.

Speaking in 1909 Gokhale had said: 'A purer, a nobler, a braver and a more exalted spirit had never moved on earth."

That was 39 years ago when Gandhiji had not yet been hailed as a Mahatma. Still the Premier felt that he could not add anything to the tribute of one who was looked upon as his political Guru by Gandhiji.

It was the unique previlege of this generation to have seen such a one—who appears but once in a millennium—live, move and have his being. Having witnessed the unique life and death of Mahatma Gandhi it was but meet that they should dedicate themselves to the great work which he had so skilfully and so nobly done.

A. A. KHAN'S TRIBUTE

Endorsing the sentiments expressed by the Premier "with a very heavy heart", Mr. A. A. Khan, leader of the Opposition, said that the tragedy was still too recent for him to express himself adequately. He regarded it, however, as his duty, to pay his respects to the great soul that had passed away, however humble may be the tribute he could make.

Mr. Khan pointed out that when Gandhiji came to this country from South Africa he had already acquired fame and had dperfected the technique of a system and a method which was later to become familiar as non-violent non-co-operation. Returning to India he gathered around him a band of trusted followers drawn from all castes, creeds and communities—followers who shared in his joys and sorrows, his hopes and aspirations, his fears and apprehensions his trials and tribulations and who remained loyal to him to the very last.

MAN OF PEACE AND ACTION

Proceeding Mr. Khan pointed out that many centuries ago there was another great Indian who too preached the gospel of non-violence, peace and goodwill. But he lived a life of renunciation. But Gandhiji, imbued with the spirit of the Gita lived a life of action. The result was that he took the people of the country from great... ... greatness.

Freedom and democracy are dimensions of experience of which our history and past traditions provide no charts or maps, Mr. Khan said. "And it was our hope, and our deep desire, that he who had laid the foundations of our freedom and democracy should live long enough to erect a splendid edifice—an edifice which would compare with the great democracies of the world." But the touch of that master-hand having vanished, we could but seek humbly to model ourselves after him.

DANGE'S ANALYSIS

Mr. S. A. Dange while joining wholeheartedly in the tributes and the condolences said that the House should give a clear direction to the people as regards the future.

He emphasised that Mahatma Gandhi was not murdered because of his philosophy or because he was a saint, but because he intervened and intervened successfully and in his own way in the political life of the country. He was murdered by a section of the people who would be hit by his intervention.

A cool and collected review of the events leading upto the assassination would show that Gandhiji was the victim of a huge conspiracy to foment war between the two Dominions and to impose on the whole country a Fascist distatorship. The first task of the people was to root out this embattled reaction. Gandhiji would not have a cowardly non-violence. He would rather have violence in the fight for the liberties of the people than cowardly retreat.

BRAMBLE'S TRIBUTE

Mr. C. Bramble said that Gandhiji's death would hit most the Working Committee and the various Provincial Governments which were guided by him. While sharing in the sense of irreparable loss suffered by all, on behalf of the European community, he pledged his support to the Government in every move aimed at promoting communal harmony.

Dr. M. N. Natu said that every moment of Gandhiji's life was spent in putting the weight of his great personality in the service of the people.

GOT INDEPENDENCE BUT LOST FATHER

Endorsing the sentiments expressed by the members Mr. K. S. Firodia, Speaker, said that while India got her independence, she had lost her father, the man who, above all, had been the architect of that freedom.

With Independence the flames of communal violence came rushing from every quarter.

Gandhiji plunged into the flames, went wherever he felt his presence was most needed and he succeeded in quelling the flames wherever he went.

If only he had been spared a few more days, he might have finished his task and ended communal frenzy all over the land. It was now the duty of everyone to compelte the task he had left unfinished.

SOVIET-SPONSORED GOVT. IN KOREA

Early Proclamation Predicted

NEW YORK, Feb. 16, (Reuter): The "New York Times" correspondent in Seoul, Korea, reported today that the Soviet authorities and the Communist Party were speeding up the completion of the North Korean Soviet-sponsored Government, which it is predicted will be proclaimed a "Government of All Korea" before the end of the United Nations 'Little Assembly' debate on Korea.

North Korea radio, he wrote, had announced that the fourth plenary session of the North Korea People's Council had adopted a constitution for a "people's republic."

The broadcast said that a vote would be taken in the middle of March, after which the Government of Korea would be proclaimed and the United Nations would face an accomplished fact.

The next step would be the withdrawal of Soviet forces.

MOST REGAL NECK IN THE WORLD

NEW YORK, (I.P.S.): The most regal neck in the world is that of Princess Elizabeth. This is the opinion of Dr. Else Laree, the New York Surgeon. This princess comes on the top of a list of world's six most medically beautiful women, said Dr. Laree. • The other five are listed as follows: Jane Russel for her amazing bosom. Rita Hayworth for her supersome legs. Clare Boothe Luce for her chic chassis. Kavanaugh for her patrician hands, Babe Didrickson Zaharias for her dynamic shoulders.

PAKISTAN CONSEMBLY

KARACHI, Feb. 16 (A.P.I.)—The President has directed that the Constituent Assembly of Pakistan shall meet as a constitution-making body on February 24 and 25 in the Assembly Chamber at Karachi.

It is understood that on February 23 and again from February 26 till March 2, the Constituent Assembly meets as the Federal Legislature.

U. S. AMBASSADOR ARRIVES

The first American Ambassador to Pakistan, Mr. Paul H. Alling, accompanied by his wife and daughter arrived in Karachi by Pan-American Clipper 'Paul Jones' this afternoon.

PROVINCIAL R.S.S. ORGANISER SURRENDERS

JULLUNUDUR, Feb. 16 (API)—Mr. Madhorao, provincial organiser of the R.S.S. offered himself to police today and was arrested.

The Speaker addressing the Bombay Legislative Assembly on Monday the opening day of the Budget Session.

PRESERVE DIGNITY OF INSTITUTION OF RULERS

Sardar Patel's Appeal To Sourashtra People

JAMNAGAR, Feb. 16, (A.P.I.): Addressing a crowded meeting of the Jamnagar Chamber of Commerce today, India's Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, urged the people to maintain and preserve the dignity of the institution of rulers and not to ridicule them.

The princes, Sardar Patel said, had now surrendered their powers to their subjects and had become constitutional rulers. The people must conduct themselves in such a manner as to deserve the freedom. There should be mutual understanding and toleration and a recognition of the common interests of the rulers and the ruled.

Sardar Patel, the Rajpramukh Jamsaheb and the Maharaja of Bhavnagar were presented with an address by the Jamnagar Chamber of Commerce and the function took place at the Darbargarh.

PRINCIPLE THAT ALWAYS WINS

Replying to the felicitations and tributes paid to him, Sardar Patel, said that Mahatma Gandhi had preached and practised the philosophy of love and mutual tolerance. His (Sardar's) long association with Mahatma Gandhi had taught him something of that lesson. It was his regard and esteem for the Rajpramukh Jamsaheb that won him over. And it was the same principle which won other rulers as well.

RAJKOT STRUGGLE RECALLED

Sardar Patel appealed to the leaders of new Sourashtra to so discharge their responsibilities as to be a shining example to the world.

The Jamsaheb in a brief reply said that he was proud of the distinction conferred upon him of Lieutenant-General in the Indian Army. But he was even more proud that Sardar Patel had called him a brother. He assured him that he would do his best to advance the prestige and prosperity of the new Sourashtra Province.

SARDAR RETURNS TO DELHI

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16, (A.P.I.): Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. V. P. Menon, States Ministry Secretary, and party returned to Delhi from Jamnagar this evening.

Sardar Baldev Singh, Defence Minister who was also on a visit to Jamnagar returned to Delhi in the morning.

New Administration For Kathiawad State

JAMNAGAR, Feb. 16, (API): The States Secretary, Mr. V. P. Menon, and the Regional Commissioner, Mr. N. M. Buch, held consultations with the Rajpramukh, the Jamsaheb and Mr. Dhebar, the Chief Minister, on the steps to be taken to set up a common administration for all the covenanting States. It is understood a senior civilian from the Dominion Government would be deputed as Chief Secretary of the United State of Kathiawar. He would immediately begin with the organisation of the administrative machinery. Such of those of the existing staff in the various states as are found suitable would be absorbed in the administration. The public Service Commission of Bombay Province would also be in charge of recruitment to the services of the United State of Kathiawar. Mr. Hiralal Divatia, a former Judge of the Bombay High Court, would organise the judiciary of the state.

MERGER OF CENTRAL INDIA STATES

INDORE, February 16, (API:): The two-day emergency session of the Executive Committee of the Central India Regional States People's Conference concluded this afternoon under the Presidentship of Mr. Gopalkrishna Vijayavargiya.

The Committee unanimously passed a resolution favouring the formation of a province of Central India States and other states which are geographically contiguous, culturally homogeneous and having linguistic affinity. The resolution was moved by Babu Ramsahai, member of the Indian Dominion Parliament.

By another the Committee mourned the death of Mahatma Gandhi.

Towards Satyagraha In Cutch

(From Our Correspondent)

BHUJ, February 16.

"Direct Action Day" fixed by the Cutch Praja Parishad is February 16. It has been fixed as a day for carrying message to every taluka centre by front rank leaders.

Steps envisaged for the struggle are: (1) Resignations from Municipalities, (2) Individual symbolic breaking of law and offering Satyagraha.

"Open Offences Against International Law"

Allied Reparations Policy In Germany Criticised

LONDON, Feb. 15, (Reuter): The first significant German criticism of Allied reparations policy in Germany has appeared in a detailed document entitled "Reparations, Production and Standard of Life" published in Bremen and received in London over the week end.

The document accused the Allies of violating international law and demanded that the whole problem of reparations be put "on a large basis."

"Hiterto, all the measures taken by the Allies in securing reparation have been the unilateral acts of conquerors and require in order to become legal, to be confirmed in a treaty," it said.

Although negotiations on the German peace treaty had so far been carried on exclusively by the Allies the author Senator G. W. Harmsse of Bremen said that the documents was "to serve as a basis for eventual negotiations of German representatives with the allies."

Senator Harmsse declared that it was completed at the request of the Minister Presidents of the British and American zones, when, after the Moscow conference, the need to hold in readiness principles for a German standpoint on the reparations question had made itelf felt."

Senator Harmsse who is in charge of economic research and international affairs on the Bremen Senate, called for the setting up of a "reparations organisation" similar to that set up after the first world war, which would give Germany a voice in the form reparations should take, and above all in the valuation of those already made.

Senator Harmsse said that many of the means adopted by the Allies to extract reparations from Germany were "open offences against international law."

"To force prisoners of war and civilian workers to work against their will is slavery and as much against international law as the annexation of territories without the consent of the population or the expulsion of inhabitants from their lands", he said.

"In international law, the removal of machinery and capital equipment from factories as reparations are only permisible to the extent that they do not threaten the survival of the German people."

Declaring that in the Eastern Zone of Germany, the boundary line between reparations and booty had long disappeared, the senator said conditions for the taking of reparations should include: (1) They must be in proportion to productive capacity; (2) The point of view of the debtor country must be heard; (3) An impartial judge, possibly the United Nations must give a verdict and (4) The carrying out of decisions must not be left merely to the goodwill of the creditor.

R. S. S. OFFICES SEALED

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, February 16.—Ahmedabad authorities by order of the Bombay Government has seized and sealed property of RSS offices in Kadla and other localities.

TWO ARRESTED AT AHMEDABAD

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 16 (API)—One RSS worker was arrested today, bringing the total number of RSS workers arrested in the city and the district to 50.

One Muslim League follower was arrested today under the Public Security Measures Act on the charge of creating a disturbance in a public meeting recently addressed by Mr. M. Y. Nurie.

BIHAR ARRESTS

PATNA, Feb. 16 (API).—About 25 persons in Begusarai town, alleged to have been associated with the activities of the RSS and Muslim League National Guards, are under warrants of arrest.

In Semrahia, a village near Motihari, three Muslims have been arrested for alleged activity in the Muslim League National Guards.

E. PUNJAB BAN ON HINDI DAILY

JULLUNDUR, Feb. 16 (API).—The East Punjab Government has banned the publication of "Akashvani" a Hindi daily of East Punjab, for a period of three months.

ARMS FIND & ARRESTS

CALCUTTA, Feb. 16 (OPI).—The Calcutta Police in collaboration with the special branch of the Intelligence Branch of Bengal Police, made a surprise raid in a house in Central Calcutta, where, it is reported, seven Sten guns, 4000 rounds of ammunition of different calibre, about 20 bombs and teargas shells, 500 arrow heads and other weapons were seized. These were buried under the floor in three vaults.

Seventeen persons have been taken into custody, in this connection.

Air Pioneer Dies

VIENNA: (Reuter)—Colonel Hermann Von Hoernes, the man who first made a night flight in a balloon, has just died in Linz, Austria, aged 90.

Once world famous for his pioneer work with lighter than air craft he surprised the world when he succeeded in flying his balloon successfully by night, an enterprise then thought to be quite impossible. This and similar daring experiments did much to provide the elementary knowledge of flying conditions upon which all later developments depended.

During the 1914-1918 war he made plans for against airship—greater than any yet seen in the world—but the Peace of St. Germain which forbad Austrians to experiment with aircraft put an end to his inventions.

STERLING BALANCES

Talks Expected To Conclude In Two Days, Says Chetty

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16. (A.P.I.): Mr. Damodar Swarup Seth asked in the Dominion Parliament to-day what progress, if any, had so far been made on the question of release from sterling balances in the negotiation between Britain and India.

Finance Minister, Mr. Shanmukhan Chetty: discussions have been proceeding for the past few weeks and it is expected that an agreement will be reached in a few days.

In reply to Mr. Sidhwa, the Finance Minister said that the negotiations were expected to conclude in the next two or three days.

Mr. B. Das: has the attention of the Finance Minister been drawn to the statement of Sir Stafford Cripps that sterling is in a delicate position and hence Britain will not be able to meet her obligations to the dominion and other countries?

Answer: I saw some of the recent statements of the Chancellor of the Exchequer in England but those statements did not convey to me the idea the honourable member wants to convey.

Chinese Red Army One Mile From Anshan

Steel City Defences Overwhelmed: Communist Forces In New Drive Said To Be Within Sight Of Mukden

NANKING, February 16, (Reuter): Communist forces attacking the Steel City of Anshan, about 60 miles south of Mukden, main Manchurian City had driven to within one mile of the town after overwhelming the defences in the Western suburbs, while fighting of equal intensity was taking place at the Chiafang, about five miles to the south, pro-Government despatches from Mukden reported today.

In spite of intense bombing by Government planes, large Communist forces were attacking Anshan in waves, the reports said.

While Communist troops were pounding the gates of Anshan from the north, south and west, the main strength of the Fourth Column, poised for action in the area to the north-east, was also expected to join in the final thurst.

From Mukden area, Government heavy artillery bombarded other Communist forces pushing towards Mukden from the northwest in Synchronized action with the Anshan battle.

The Communist Tenth Division, which was driven back to the north bank of the Liao river in a sharp but local Government counter-attack yesterday morning returned to the south bank last night accompanied by the Communist Third Division. This combined force, numbering some 28,000 men was reported in pro-Government dispatches reaching Shanghai to have advanced almost to within sight of Mukden.

One Kuomintang newspaper in Shanghai said they were at present attacking Government positions only 10 miles west of Mukden. Fighting in this sector was characterized by a heavy artillery duel which was heard in Mukden. Government warplanes were also furiously strafing and bombing the communists.

Sanguinary fighting was also said to be raging between Feng Chin Pao and Penki, 40 miles south-east of Mukden on the Mukden-Antung railway, where Government troops, supported by militia, had launched a "punitive" campaign in the east Hopei province in an effort to eliminate the Communist threat to the Hopei section of the Peiping-Mukden railway, according to official reports.

These reports claimed the Government had already recaptured "many strategic points" between 35 and miles east of Peiping. In southwest Shantung, the situation was described as "extremely tense" following the arrival there of some 50,000 Communist troops from the Central Honan Province. The Government command was said to be closely watching the movement of this force.

R.S.S. PROPAGANDA IN BURWANI STATE

(From Our Correspondent).

INDORE, Feb. 14.—I have just returned from Burwani, a two-lakh population State at a distance of 100 miles from here. It has been and is still believed to be a strong centre of not only the RSS but other worse communal bodies like Rajput Sewa Sangh. The State Government has, this month, illegalised the RSS and the Dewan informed me that its office had been taken into State possession. But I found that the same RSS workers were working in the same office in the name of Chatra Mandir. The Dewan told me that he did not consider it necessary to arrest any person connected with the illegalised RSS. When I was told that a former Revenue Minister of the State, now working as the Private Secretary to the Ruler and also as Cabinet Secretary, worked as the Chief of the RSS, followed by hundreds of State employees, I asked the Dewan about the matter. He told me that no State employee was forbidden from taking part in any political or communal organisation.

In October last, the Government dismissed all the Muslim employees in the State service—about 500—an instance singular in India's recent happenings. 200 Muslims were put in jail on charges of conspiring against the State, 71 of whom are still there. All these happenings took place between October and December. Will the States Department look to this State?

U. N. ASSEMBLY TO MEET IN PARIS

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 16 (UPA):—The United Nations today selected Paris for the 1948 meeting of its 57 nations General Assembly.

Paris was chosen by the Secretary General, Trygve Lie, after the eight-nation Committee unanimously recommended it. The Committee eliminated Brussels, Geneva and the Hague which also had been under consideration.

Arab-Jewish Warfare Flares Up Anew

Stern Gang Warns Foreign Consulates

JERUSALEM, Feb. 16, (Reuter): Five children were among eleven Arabs killed in their beds by Jewish bombs at Sasa, nothern Palestine yesterday.

The children met their deaths when a large party of the Jewish crept into their village and planted bomos which destroyed three houses and blasted eleven others.

Arab torchmen last night set fire to the Jewish quarter of Maccabi, between Tel Aviv and Jaffa, as Arab-Jewish warfare flared up anew.

A "whisper" campaign had for some weeks past named yesterday for an advance of Arab troops across Palestine's nothern border but no movement took place.

Among incidents in Palestine yesterday were:

Four British soldiers wounded in Haifa when an Arab legion sentry fired on a Jewish bus.

Nine Jews detained after arms searches by police and paratroopers in Haifa districts where dumps of hand grenades and ammunition were found.

An Arab riding a donkey in a Jerusalem street was killed by bullets as he passed a Jewish quarter.

The Stern Gang yesterday warned members of foreign consulates in Jerusalem by letter that they would be treated as "foes and spies" if they exploited diplomatic immunity to help the Arabs.

The letters accused unnamed members of the consular corps of abusing their immunity.

In communications to the consulates General of Syria, the Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt Saudi Arabia and the Yemen the Stern Gang threatened rulers of Middle-East countries where anti-Jewish demonstrations have taken place, that if attacks against Jews continue the rulers will be tried as murderers and punished.

The letters said Arab mosques were being used as sniper posts, and the Stern Gang would regard such mosques as military objectives.

Jews in British army uniform raided a British military camp at Hadera on the coast between Tel Aviv and Haifa, carrying off—according to Jewish sources—several tons of food rations two stern guns and some rifles and pistols. Jewish sources said 60 men took part in this raid, which was led by a man in the uniform of a British Lieutenant.

Gandhi Mausoleum In Delhi Azad Park

PLANNED PROPAGANDA DRIVE AGAINST POISON OF COMMUNALISM

NEW DELHI, February 16. (U.P.I.): The first meeting of the Union and Progress Committee was held under the Chairmanship of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, President of the Committee, at Constitution Club here yesterday and condoled the death of Mahatma Gandhi. They have decided to erect a mausoleum in Azad Park, Delhi, in memory of Gandhiji.

The Committee has decided to raise a fund of Rs. 15 lakhs to build a suitable edifice for this purpose.

Representatives from all parts of India were present at the meeting. The meeting commenced with a moving reference by the President to the martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi and the people assembled there observed a 2-minute silence, all standing, to pass the following resolution:

"This meeting of the Union and Progress Committee expresses its feeling of irreparable loss and sorrow at the martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi, who preached and practiced all his life the doctrine of non-violence and love and courted death in pursuit of that ideal; and remembers with reverence and courage with which he fought for the rights of the poor and dispossessed, of the lowly; recalls with gratitude his heroic stand against forces of racial exclusiveness, communal fanaticism and national chauvinism, and the services he rendered to the cause of freedom and democracy for India and the world.

"It pledges itself to carry out to the limit of its capacity the noble ideal of human brotherhood, equality and toleration for which Mahatma Gandhi lived and died".

A second resolution stated: "While declaring that the truest memorial to Mahatma Gandhi is affection and reverance, which he has inspired in the minds of millions of his fellow human-beings in India and outside, the Committee is, at the same time, conscious than average men and women desire to cherish such memories in a more visible and material form and is, therefore, of the opinion that a mausoleum be raised to mark the spot in Azad Park in Delhi, where his ashes were interred, to write in a visible and permanent form Gandhiji's quest for unity of truth among the diversity of manifestations and his faith in the community of all religions and their teachings of fatherhood of God and brotherhood of men".

The Committee then discussed the future programme of work and considered various suggestions made by members present. A small committee of six was appointed to draw up a scheme of propaganda for creating better relations between communities and for eradicating communal poison from the minds of the masses through pamphlets, social functions, conferences and meetings, propaganda among children, reorientation of historical studies, study of traditions of different religions and education through plays, songs and such other methods as may be considered suitable. This committee has been asked to submit its recommendations to the President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, at an early date.

It was also decided to send deputations to different areas of teams of speakers to preach the programme of the Committee among the people.

It was further decided that provincial branches of the Committee should be set up at an early date and members of the All-India Committee from each Province were authorised to convene meeting of their province to form the provincial committee.

Sikh Organisation Backs Mahatma's Programme

NEW DELHI Feb. 15. (A.P.I.): Resolutions condemning the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi and appealing to the public in implementing the constructive programme of the departed leader were passed this evening at a conference organised by the Namdhari Sadh Sangat of New Delhi on the occasion of the birth day of "Satguru Ram Singh" the foonder of Namdhari section of the Sikhs.

Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, speaker of the Indian Parliament who presided over the conference, regretted the recent communal disturbances in the country which, he said, were perpetrated by irreligious people in the name of religion. Communal differences were the creation of the British people to prolong their stay in the country and after their departure some people tried to make capital out of these differences. "I fail to understand why that frenzy still existed in the country even after the old masters had left", he said.

The Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who was not able to attend the conference in a message says: "I understand that this conference had the blessings of Mahatma Gandhi because of the good work that is being done for unity by the organisers. I send the conference my good wishes and earnestly trust that the selfless labour of its workers will yield substantial results Thus we shall serve our country and honour the memory of Mahatma Gandhi".

The resolution condemning assassination of Gandhiji and stressing need for intercommunal unity was moved by Sardar Atma Singh of Rawalpindi and supported by Maulana Ahmed Saeed, Vice-President, Mr. Hafiz-ul-Reman, General Secretary of Jamiat-ul-Ulema-i-Hind and Sant Nidhan Singh Alim.

MAHATMA WAS TRUE SPORTSMAN, SAYS C. R.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 16 (API).—Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor of West Bengal, referred yesterday to the common ground between true sportsmen and Mahatma Gandhi in a speech delivered at a meeting of sporting associations to express condolence at the death of Mahatmaji.

"People imagine that sport was not Gandhiji's field and that he was not much interested in games", said Rajagopalachari. "I knew him very intimately for about thirty years. Let me tell you that he knew the essential unity of all things, in fact his whole life was like one of your games.

He fought the British as one of your clubs fight another club in a match, without malice and with fair-play at every point. There was no untruth or subterfuge in Gandhiji's fights. There was no violence in them. The essential feature of a true sportsman is that he does not tell a lie when a point is raised. Truth and non-violence must necessarily prevail in sport. You have got that common ground between you and Gandhiji. We have lost a great sportsman."

Shanghai Memorial Service For Mahatma

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16 (Reuter)—At a memorial service here today for Mahatma Gandhi a group of Indian ladies sang his favourite hymn—"When I survey the wondrous cross".

The service, held under the auspices of the Chinese Indian Foundation, was addressed by China's veteran diplomat Dr. W. Yen, former Ambassador to the United States.

The Foundation was established over a year ago; one of its main aims is to further cultural relations between the two countries.

MARATHI JOURNALISTS MOURN MAHATMA'S DEATH

POONA, Feb. 16 (A.P.I.)—The Marathi Jiurnalists' Conference, which met recently at Satara under the presidentship of Mr. R. N. Bamangawkar, editor of "Udaya" of Amraoti, passed a resolution mourning the death of Mahatma Gandhi, "the architect of the Indian nation and the apostle of world peace." The conference adjourned 'sine die' after passing the resolution.

Before adjourning, the Conference also passed resolutions condoling the deaths of Mr. N. C. Kelkar and six other Marathi journalists.

It was decided that the temporary headquarters of the conference should be at Poona, and until the next meeting Mr. D. V. Divekar ("Kesari"), Mr. N. M. Shidhaye ("Prabhat") and Mr. R. V. Patankar ("Lokshakti") should act respectively chairman, treasurer and secretary of the conference.

Damodar Valley Corporation

Gadgil Replies To Debate: Defence Of Central Taxation

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16, (A.P.I.): The Dominion Parliament today continued consideration of the Damodar Valley Corporation Bill as reported by the Select Committee.

Mr. Jaipal Singh, concluding his speech, said that the Corporation should be exempted from Central taxation as otherwise West Bengal and Bihar would be deprived of their legitimate share of profits. It was unfair, he said, to place the Centre on a footing different from that of its two other partners in the enterprise. The relation in which the financial adviser stood with regard to other directors must also be clarified in the Bill.

Mr. Biswanath Das, supporting the Bill, said the Provinces of Bihar and West Bengal should not be asked to contribute their share of expenses for the prevention of floods. Mr. Das said that the accounts of the Corporation must be kept on a commercial basis. He supported the provision regarding Central taxation.

FIELD FOR SOCIALIST VISIONARIES

Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and Power, replying to the debate, referred to Mr. Jaipal Singh's plea for uprooting "banias" from among the Adibasis and said: "Here is a field for the Socialist visionaries who want to establish a society based on equality. Let them offer their services to establish model villages where both the "bania" and the political agitator will be conspicuous by their absence. Again, it should be possible for many factories to be owned and conducted on a co-operative basis, in which some of these backward classes may legitimately take part. I also assure him that attempts will be made to preserve whatever is good in Santhal culture, including the dance.

Mr. Gadgil assured the House that merit and no other consideration would govern the appointment of the Board of three, which would be in charge of the project. In order to secure the co-operation of the Provinces, the appointments would be made after consulting the respective Provincial Governments.

Provision had been made for securing local co-operation through Advisory Committees.

CENTRAL TAX ISSUE

Defending the provision for Central taxation, Mr. Gadgil said that if field after field of economic activity which constituted sources of Central Taxation were brought under autonomous bodies exempt from Central taxation, Government would be left with a Finance Minister without finances. (laughter.) He had not prejudiced in the least the sources of Provincial taxation. The irrigation dues would be recovered by the Provinces as also the Sales Tax. Having given both these sources to the Provinces, it was only proper that something should be made available to the Centre, which was also a shareholder along with the Provinces of Bengal and Bihar. Over and above all this, the provinces would have a fair share in the yield from Income-Tax, Corporation Tax and other taxes levied by the Centre.

GANDHI COMMUNITY TO OBSERVE GANDHI DAY IN PARIS

Group's Spiritual Leader Appeals To World To Join Celebrations

PARIS, Feb. 15 (Reuter): One hundred western followers of the Gandhi community in Paris together with their friends and sympathisers, both European and Indian, will observe leap year day (Sunday, February 29) as "Gandhi Day," says William Latham, Reuter's correspondent.

Focus of the day's commemoration is a three-point programme of fasting, charity and reconciliation.

For the benefit of the poor in Paris, they will also abstain from wine and tobacco. Members of the community will also voluntarily perform "acts of reconciliation."

But the day will not be a day of mourning in the usual sense of the term. The group's spiritual leader, M. Lanza dei Vasto, Parisian mystic, poet and author, who studied at Mahatma's Indian headquarters, has expressly advised his followers to "consider with only the simple and peaceful philosophy of India's modern saint." Sadness and mourning, he declared, would be inappropriate to an act of sacrifice.

The food, ration tickets, and money saved by the day's abstinence will be given to charitable organisations.

"Throughout the day," M. dei Vasto told me, "we shall be smiling and happy as we recall the Mahatma's pleasure in good and kindly works. We shall best remember him by observing his three main principles.

I invite other people throughout the world and irrespective of their religion who admired Mahatma Gandhi to do the same on that day—the third Sunday in lent."

Believing that man has become the servant of the machine, the community, also known as the working order of the ark, gathered under M. Del Vasto's leadership two years ago to model their activities on Mahatma Gandhi's village industries principles with the eventual aim of becoming self-supporting and devoting the surplus to the needy.

OBJECTION TO MACHINE-MADE CLOTHES

M. Del Vasto, tall and bearded son of M. Quisel Del Vasto, whose family traces its ancestry to former Sicilian princes, carries his objection to "machine-made clothes" to the extent of refusing to wear other than hand-made shirts and home spun cloth and sandals. Heedless of the weather, he wears neither socks nor hat.

For twelve months, he was Mahatma Gandhi's ardent pupil.

Shantidar, as he was known to Gandhiji, considers that man's life at present represents the servitude of the masses to the unimaginative machine.

"Man", he told me, "has become more of a beast than in the so-called unenlightened times before civilisation as we know it.

FOLLOW MAHATMA'S IDEALS

Sardar's Advice To Princes And People Of United Kathiawar

JAMNAGAR, February 15. (A.P.I.): If the path chalked out by Mahatma Gandhi is pursued by the princes and their subjects in Kathiawar, they would not only be setting a noble example for the rest of the country but they would also be leaving a precious legacy for the coming generations, said Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister of India and Minister in charge of the States, addressing the special Darbar here today after the swearing-in ceremony of the Presidium of the new Kathiawar State.

After paying a handsome tribute to the Jam Saheb of Nawanagar and other rulers of Kathiawar as well as to the popular leaders, but for whose vision, wisdom and patriotism, the happy result they were seeing today would not have fructified", Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel said that it was Mahatma Gandhi's dream that Kathiawar should be unified and it gladdened his (Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's) heart that such unification had materialised.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel then referred to the unique nature of the occasion and said that what they were witnessing was something quite new in India's history. Both the princes and the people had played their part in bringing about the United States of Kathiawar. Despite gloomy prognostications of what would happen after August 15 in so far as states were concerned, it was a matter for gratification that matters had shaped so well.

With the lapse of paramountcy, some sort of a vacuum had been created and people had been greatly concerned about their future. The amputation of a limb was a painful process but it was dreadful to imagine as to what would happen if the living organism itself was hacked to bits. Thanks to providence, India today was alive and alert and had survived partition.

..SARDAR'S ADVICE TO MINISTERS

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel announced amidst cheers that the Jamsaheb of Nawanagar, Rajpramukh of the new Saurashtra State, had been made a Lieutenant-General of the Indian Army and the Maharaja of Bhavnagar a Commodore of the Indian Navy.

Sardar Patel advised the Ministers of the New State to do their best to exploit the natural resources of Kathiawar and to raise the standard of living of the people. He also asked them to make an endeavour to remove the customs cordon at Viramgam at the earliest possible moment after reaching a satisfactory agreement on the question. Sardar also expressed his satisfaction that the invoice system at present existing in Bhavnagar which had caused considerable difficulty to trade had now been abolished.

Sardar Patel reminded the leaders who had just taken the oaths of office that they had sworn that they would discharge their duties and obligations "without fear or favour". It was indeed a great privilege and an opportunity that had been given to them to promote the unification of Kathiawar and to promote the interest of the people.

He also advised the new Government to eradicate untouchability from the social life of the people. Untouchability was a curse that Mahatma Gandhi had battled against throughout his life and Kathiawar should make a determined effort to remove that curse and thus pay an appropriate tribute to the memory of Mahatma Gandhi.

Mr. U. N. Dhebar, the Chief Minister of the new Saurashtra State, speaking after Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel said that Mahatma Gandhi had taken intense interest in the unification of Kathiawar and it was a matter for grief that Mahatma Gandhi had not lived to see its achievement.

Mr. Dhebar was confident that with the blessing of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Rajpramukh, the Jamsaheb of Nawanagar and the people of Kathiawar, he would be able to discharge his duties in the best interest of the people.

JAMSAHEB SWORN IN

The Jamsaheb of Nawanagar was sworn in as Rajpramukh of the United State of Kathiawad at 2-30 P.M. today by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's Deputy Prime Minister, at a special Durbar attended by many rulers and other distinguished leaders of Kathiawar.

The Jamsaheb then administered the oath of office to the members of the Presidium, Mr. U. N. Dhebar, Chief Minister of the State, Mr. Balawantrai Mehta (Deputy Prime Minister), Mr. Nanabhai Kalidas Bhatt, Mr. Rasinlal Umedchand Parikh, Mr. Jagjivandas Shivlal Parekh, and Mr. Manubhai Shah.

Sardar Patel, the Jamsaheb and the members of the Ministry earlier visited the Bhidbhanjan Mahadev temple, where prayers were offered.

The party then drove in State to Darbargrah where the swearing in ceremony took place. Sardar Patel, the Jamsaheb, Mr. Dhebar, and Miss Maniben Patel sat in the State coach drawn by six horses. Other Ministers followed in coaches in the rear. The procession entered the quadrangle of Darbargad, guns were fired.

The Jamsaheb paid a tribute to Sardar Patel and said "this great and wise statesman took a hand and produced wise and statesmanlike solutions by persuasion and friendly advice, and with the help of redoubtable offices of the Ministry of States, he has secured the consent of so many of us to the acceptance of his solutions. His remedies were fairly simple and obvious—responsible Government everywhere, integration where integration appeared necessary, and maintenance of rights, privileges and dignities of the rulers. I had given wholehearted help and support to Sardar Patel during the negotiations relating to the accession of the States to the Dominion of India."

Referring to the United States of Kathiawar, the Jamsaheb said without wisdom and patriotism, other rulers of Kashiawar and their consent, this would not have come into existence.

"It is not as if we have been bullied into submission. We have by our own free consent surrendered our sovereignty and consented to create this new State so that the unity of Kathiawar and the unity of India may be more fully achieved and so that our people may have that form of Government which is today most acceptable to them and which I hope the pray, beneficial to them."

FEELING REFERENCE TO MAHATMAJI

The Jamsaheb made a feeling reference to the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi and said "as our Dominion Prime Minister had said at Prayag before Gandhiji's death we could always go to him and benefit by his advice. we would not be able to do so now. We have to face our troubles and difficulties without him."

Characterising the emergence of the United States of Kathiawar as "absolutely bloodless revolution". The Jamsaheb charged the newly sworn Ministers to take care of the people of this region particularly the peasant who had borne the biggest burden in this agricultural country. "Thereafter I shall take your advice and act on it" he said.

ONE DREAM REALISED

Addressing a huge public meeting from the balsony of the Darbargarh Palace on the conclusion of the Darbar, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel said that certain portions of Baroda territory which were at present in Kathiawar had to be integrated into the territory of the United State of Kathiawar. The Kathiawar rulers and their Minister, Sardar Patel said, would shortly negotiate with the Baroda Darbar in this regard. The tiny territory of Din, now under Portuguese sovereignty, would also have to be acquired through negotiations. Sadrar Patel concluded: 'One dream has been realised, namely the United State of Kathiawar. The next objective should be to attract the neighbouring states including Cutch and pave the way for the ultimate realisation of a grerater dream—a Maha Gujerat—which they could achieve by being strong and self-reliant."

In the course of the same speech Sardar Patel reminded the people that the freedom which they had won also entailed responsibilities.

JAM SAHEB MADE LT.-GENERAL

Bhavnagar Ruler Gets Hon. Commodoreship In R. I. N.

NEW DELHI, February 16, (API): The Maharaja of Bhavanagar has been granted an Honorary Commission in the Royal Indian Navy and is constituted as Commodore 1st class and the Jam Saheb of Nawanagar has been granted an Honorary Commission in the Indian Land Forces in the rank of Lt. Gen. with effect from February 15, according to a Gazette of India Extraordinary.

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16, (A. P. I.): At the request of Indians resident in Ceylon and Malaya, a portion of Mahatma Gandhi's ashes is being sent out to these countries says a press note.

Alleged Accomplices Of Godse Arrested In Pyjama Suits

BOMBAY, Monday.

The last chapter in the investigations regarding Gandhiji's assassination and the countrywide R. S. S. conspiracy to "bump off" other important Congress leaders, has been just given its finishing touches by the Bombay C. I. D.

A high-ranking officer aided by a posse of picked assistants raided a European-styled luxury hotel in the City when its inmates were fast asleep on the mid-night of Saturday-Sunday and arrested two men who are alleged to be vital links in the conspiracy and were absconding since Madanlal and Godse had been captured.

These two who are said to have been the spearhead of the plot eluded the Police for a full fortnight and the unrelaxed vigilance of 200, Central, Provincial and Bombay detective Officers, who travelled by specially chartered 'planes and trains to scour every corner of the country to trace where these "much-wanted" men had taken refuge.

Almost desperate at one stage the Police wanted to publish their photographs in a large number of newspapers, but a faint ray of hope that they might yet get their "birds" without recourse to this step made them refrain from it at the last moment.

Secret information trickled in, that, they were living in the City in a hotel, under the very nose of the Police so to say, with assumed names.

An immediate hunt for them was then ordered during the week-end and after painstaking inquiries the Bombay C.I.D., were able to locate them in the hotel which they subsequently raided.

At the time of their apprehension the two men Mr. N. D. Apte, Manager of the R.S.S., journal "Hindu Rashtra" and Mr. Karkare, his close 'associate, were, it is said, slumbering in their pyjama suits.

Their arrest brings the investigations to a conclusive stage and the Police are now collating evidence preparatory to the trial of Godse and his alleged accomplices.

Incidentally there is no truth in the report which appeared in a local English journal that six flies pertaining to the inquiry had been stolen 'en route' from Poona to Bombay.

News In Brief

PORTLAND (DORSET) Feb. 16, (Reuter): The British Home Fleet will sail tomorrow for Gibralter on "the normal springtime cruise." It will return on March 12.

LAHORE, Feb. 16, (A. P. I.): Mian Iftikharuddin, President of the West Punjab Muslim League, disclosed today that A. C. I. D. Officer was deputed by the West Punjab Government to report the proceedings of the meeting of the Working Committee of the West Punjab Muslim League on Saturday. He was however refused permission. The League leader, told newsmen today that he was lodging a strong protest with Khan Iftikhar Hussain Khan, Premier of W. Punjab.

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16, (A. P. I.): Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Minister for Industry and Supply, and Mr. C. H. Bhabha, Commerce Minister, who have been elected to the Constituent Assembly, took their seats as members in Dominion Parliament amidst cheers from all sides.

KARACHI, Feb 16, (A. P. I.): Sir Jeremy Raisman, leader of the British Sterling Delegation to India and Pakistan, accompanied by six members of the Delegation and its staff, arrived in Karachi by air from New Delhi this afternoon.

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16, (A. P. I.): Owing to a temporary shortage in supplies of paper for printing match banderols, Government have authorised the issue of matches by certain large factories on payment of excise duty but without banderolling, says a press communique. This will be resumed as soon as stocks of banderols are adequate.

DACCA, Feb. 16, (A. P. I.): All restrictions on the export of hides and skins from East Bengal have been lifted as a result of representations made by the Provincial Government to the Pakistan Central Government.

BANGKOK, Feb. 16, (Reuter): Mr. Richard Whittington, Counsellor at the British Embassy here, left for Britian by air yesterday to consult with the Foreign Office on Siamese problems, it was stated today.

LONDON, Feb. 16, (Reuter): Mr. Viswanatha Nageshkar, 37-year-old artist of Kolhapur, who has held one-man shows in Bombay, Paris and Berlin, and done designs for German and British film companies, today began a ten-day exhibition at India House, London. Mr. Nageshkar wishes to return to India as soon as possible and teach what he has learned in his travels at some school devoted to higher art.

CALICUT, Feb. 16, (A. P. I.): According to a message from Palghat, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, Food Minister, Government of India, is arriving there tomorrow to study the food situation in Malabar. The Food Minister, visited three refugee camps in Madras, says a Madras message. The Minister also had a discussion with the Provincial Food Minister on matters relating to re-Fugees.

TRANSPORT PERMITS FOR COTTON TEXTILES

A Press Note issued by the Textile Commissioner states:—

In their Press Communique dated the 20th January 1948 announcing relaxation of control over cotton textiles, the Government of India notified that movements of cotton textiles from one province to another would continue to be regulated by the Textile Commissioner with a view to eliminating uneconomic and unreasonable use of transport. Such regulation has primarily been necessitated by the grave strain to which the transport system of the country, particularly the Railways, has been subject to during and after the war. In pursuance of this decision, the Textile Commissioner will provide for the movement of cloth to every zone only to the extent of its reasonable requirements.

Applications for transport permits should be made in the proforma which is in use at present by consignors who are in actual possession of the cloth or yarn which they desire to move and only when the goods are ready for despatch. Applicants will be expected to utilise the wagon space allotted to them on the day specified and any failure to do so will be seriously taken note of.

As regards despatching stations other than Bombay, Ahmedabad and Sholapur, permits will be issued to consignors on the basis of the targets fixed by the Textile Commissioner in consultation with the Railways for the movement of goods from these stations. Necessary adjustments will be made subsequently in regard to quotas to be moved from Bombay, Ahmedabad and Sholapur to each zone on the basis of receipts from other despatching stations. Permits will be valid for a period of one month and extensions will not be given except in exceptional cases. They will be issued on the basis of priority of application and the total movement to each area will be restricted to a monthly target which will be adjusted to the needs of each area for the month. As far as possible, cloth will be allowed to move only in the direction in which it has moved during the last one year and movements to other directions will only be permitted if on a consultation with the Railway authorities such movement is not found to be unreasonable or uneconomical.

HANDLOOM CLOTH AND KHADI

The movement of handloom cloth and khadi will be freely permitted. There will also be no restriction in regard to the movement of imported cloth though transport permits will be necessary. Applicants for permits for movements of these types of cloth will have to satisfy the Textile Commissioner that the goods they wish to despatch are in fact handloom cloth, khadi or imported cloth as the case may be.

Movements of India mill made yarn will continue to take place on the basis of the All India Yarn Distribution Scheme and on the strength of yarn transport permits in the case of inter-regional movements. Movement of imported yarn will be allowed to any part of the Indian Dominion though in this case also inter regional permits will have to be covered by valid yarn transport permits issued by the Textile Commissioner's office.

Consignors intending to despatch imported yard should satisfy the Textile Commissioner that the goods they intend to despatch are in fact imported yarn.

CITY MERCHANT ROBBED AT POINT OF KNIFE

BOMBAY, Monday.

At the point of knife, a gang of robbers relieved a merchant of Rs. 50,000 on Kotwada Road this afternoon.

The merchant, it is reported, had drawn the amount from the Habib Bank, Mahomedali Road, at about 2 p.m., and was going along Kotwada Road with the money in a bag, when he was encountered by a group of persons, whose leader pulled out a knife and demanded the money. When the money was handed over, they disappeared.

The Bombay C. I. D. officers are investigating.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Quietly Irregular

LONDON, Feb 16: Uncertainty of the general situation has not proved very conducive to business on today's London Stock Exchange, and in consequence markets opened rather idle and uninteresting. Friday's closing levels were maintained in most industrials with Breweries dull among which Guiness lost one and three at one four three and nine. Even gilt-edged flagged for want of active interest, apart from transport three per cents which advanced three-six-teenths to nine-eight and seven-sixteenths, elsewhere conditions remained quiet. Later, however, a slightly better feeling developed in most sections.

Elsewhere tobaccos were a little firmer with some gains to be seen in the building issue. London Brick one shilling higher around five-four shillings whilst textiles recorded improvements of a few pence.

South African gold shares have been much quieter than recently, although the firm undertone was maintained despite profit-taking which came as a welcome relief in view of the acute shortage of stock.

The commodity section was reticent pending the outcome of the investigation ordered by President Truman into the recent slump.

The market closed quietly irregular.

	£
2-1/2 p.c. B. Consols	86-1/8
3-1/2 p.c. Conversion Loan 1961	105-1/4
4 p.c. Fund Loan 1960/90	113-7/8
2-1/2 p.c. War Loan 1952	103-7/8
3 p.c. War Loan	103-3/4
4 p.c. Vic. Bonds	114-1/4
3 p.c. Savings Bonds	100-1/16
2 p.c. British Transport	98-1/2
INDUSTRIALS	
Asso. Portland Cement	63
Brit. Amer Tobacco	5-3/4
Brt. Cleanese	22/9
Cal. Elec.	40
Cal. Tramways	32/6
Carreras	5-3/4
J. & P. Coats	63
Courtaulds	41/9
Distillers	27/9
Dunlop Rubber	71
Elec. & Music	18
Fine Cot. Spin. & Doub.	30
Fryd Motors	49
Imperial Chemical	47/3
Imperial Tobacco	5-9/16
Indian Iron Steel	48/9
Int. Nickel	50-1/4
Lever Bros. & Unilever	43/9
Marks & Spencer	72-1-1/2
Pinchin Johnson	56
Standard Motors	24
Vickers	26
Woolworth	84-1-1/2
TEA SHARES	
Assam Consolidated	26/6
Assam Frontier	17/9
Assam	24/3
Dooars	40
Emp. of India & Ceylon	21/6
Imperial	33
JUTE SHARES	
Barnagore	21 nom.
Samnuggur	33/9
RUBBER SHARES	
Anglo Dutch Plans of Java	16/3
Gula-Kalumpong	17/6
Invest Trust	28/3
MINING SHARES	
Burma Corp.	5/9
Crown	6-13/16
Nundydroog	16/3
Spring	10/9
Sub-Nigel	4-7/8
Tavoy Tin	3/3
Union Corp.	283/9
Con. Tin Burma	3/6
Indian Copper	4/3
OIL SHARES	
Anglo-Iranian	177/6
Attock	27/6
Burma	73
Mexican Eagle	15-10-1/2
Trinidad Leasehold	33
Royal Dutch	21-8/4
Shell Transport	4
Venezuelan Concession	116/10-1/2
SHIPPING	
P. & O. Steam	33
Ind. Gen.	10 nom.

—Reuter.

MADRAS STOCK EXCHANGE

MADRAS, February 16.

Following are today's quotations:—Sugars and Breweries: Deccan Rs. 22/12, Mysore Rs. 57, Travancore Rs. 10/12.

PLANTINGS: Anamalies Rs. 1/10, Blue Mountain Rs. 2/8, Chemmas Rs. 10/6, Cochin Malabar Rs. 8/-, Devashola Rs. 17/6, Highland Produce Rs. 30/4, Kalasa Rs. 14/10, Midlands Rs. 7/14, Ouchterlony Rs. 10/2, Peermade Rs. 68, Pullangodes Rs. 1/6, Thirumbadi Rs. 2/15.

TEXTILES: Bang Woollen Rs. 270, Buckingham Rs. 327/8, Cambodia Rs. 11/6, Coimbatore Pioneer Rs. 108, Janardhana Rs. 52, Madura Rs. 48/14, Lakshmi Rs. 94, Mettura Rs. 280, Mysore Silk Filatures Rs. 19/8, Mysore Spun Rs. 12/10, Radhakrishnas Rs. 148, Rajalakshmis Rs. 60, Ranga Vilas Rs. 55/8, Sitaram Spg. Rs. 130, Trichinopolly Rs. 13/8.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cements Rs. 62, India Cement Rs. 14/4, Mettur Chem. Rs. 10/8, Mysore Chem. Ferts Rs. 12/12, Mysore Paper Rs. 15/14.

WHEAT AND MAIZE PRICES RISE IN CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE

CHICAGO, Feb. 16, (UPA): Wheat and maize prices rose in the Chicago Board of Trade for the second consecutive trading day.

Wheat futures also rose in Kansas City where May maize was 4.5 cents above Saturday's close. Wheat opened 1.5 to 2.5 cents a bushel higher. Hog markets in Chicago and St. Louis opened 50 to 75 cents a hundredweight higher.

FUMIGATION OF IMPORTED COTTON

NEW DELHI, February 16, (API): All cotton imported into India has to be fumigated at the Bombay Port in accordance with the Destructive Pests Act, says a Press Note.

The expenses of fumigation, including the cost of loading the cotton into the barage, conveyance to the fumigation wharf, unloading from the barge after fumigation and delivery at the bunder are borne by the importers. The Government have revised the rates, which are as under. The figures in brackets show the old rates:— Rs. 3/10- (Rs. 2/7-) per square bale and Rs. 2/5- (Rs. 1/8) per round bale, or when cotton islanded at the special American cotton wharf in Bombay docks Rs. 5/2/- (Rs. 3/12/-) per square bale and Rs. 3/8 - (Rs. 2/8-) per round bale.

The minimum fee for fumigation of cotton imported at any one time on a single ship will be Rs. 200 instead of the old rate of Rs. 150.

Further Drop In Cotton Mill Shares

SHARP RISE IN COTTON PRICES ON ACTIVE BUYING

Bullion Market Quiet

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was **quiet to-day** under scattered selling. **Trading** remains restricted and pro**fessional** operators are inclined to **await** Budget proposals. Some traders believe that the Budget will bring some relief to the industry as there is urgent need to increase the production. Others are not so optimistic as the Government has to meet heavy expenditure on Kasnmir troubles. Moreover the market is anxious to know more about talks on dividend restrictions, controls on Stock Exchanges and speculation in general. All these factors are mainly responsible for the existing in action and dullness of markets.

Trading continues restricted resulting in narrow price fluctuations. Tata Steel Dfds. opened at Rs. 1757 and improved at Rs. 1762 under scattered buying but declined at Rs. 1747 on liquidation. At this level feeble support appeared and Dfds. improved at Rs. 1757 but again reacted at Rs. 1747. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 356 and improved at Rs. 357 but gradually declined at Rs. 352. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1125 and after advancing at Rs. 1130 declined at Rs. 1115.

Later on the market was quiet with increased selling in mill shares Tata Steel Dfds. were placed at Rs. 1753/12 while Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 352/8. Bombay Dyeings changed hands at Rs. 1117, Kohinoors declined at Rs. 593 after opening at Rs. 600 while Swadeshi shares opened at Rs. 640 and eased off at Rs. 625, Simplex shares were quoted at Rs. 219. Associated Cements were quoted at Rs. 170, while Burmas declined at Rs. 463/12 and Constructions were done at Rs. 200, Scindia shares were placed at Rs. 26/13, Closing tone was quiet with mill shares showing further losses.

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing 1117/8 Kohinoor 593 Swadeshi 626 Nagpur 328 Simplex 219 New Great 397 Gokak 335 Indore 597/8 Century X. D. 318/12 Colaba 318/12 Bleaching 195 Swan 370 Finlay 313 Morarji 576/4 Edward 677/8 Meyer 197/8 Apollo 3/14/6 I. P. Ordinary 15/6 I. U. Defd. 2/14/3 Madhusudan 260 Podar X. R. 167/8 Khatau X. D. 255.

STEEL

Tata Steel Ord. 352/8 Tata Steel Defd. 1755 Second 146.

CEMENT

Associated Merger X. D. 170.

INDUSTRIES

Burma X. D. 465 Belapur X. D. 319 Shivrajpur 39/12 Scindia X. R. X. D. 28/13 Construction 201 Tata Chemical 16/14 Tata Oil 63 Indian Iron X. D. 31/13 Bengal Steel 27/13.

ELECTRIC SHARES

Tram Ord. 139/8 Tata Hydro 143 Andhra 1347/8 Power 1500.

MILLS (CASH)

Elphinstone 90 Phoenix 495 Ind. Mfg. 4460 Kooria 282/8 Dawn 1545 David 145 New City 203/12 Minerva 213/12 Bradbury 775 Bharucha (Defd.) 7 Bharat 43 Mysore 240 Madhavji 19/6 Model 195 Laxmi 1610 Vishnu 610 Western 4355 Standard 500 Sholapur 6285 Sassoon Cotton 19 Hindustan 4550 Tata 79/8 Ahmedabad Advance 566/4 Sassoon Silk 74 New Union 19/2 Madhusudan 292/8 Shrinivas 460 Raja Bahadur 125 Berar 265 Victoria 425 Simplex Cpn. 117.

ELECTRIC SHARES (CASH)

Ahmedabad 127/8 New 118/12 Surat 171/4 Karachi 145 Broach 11 Ajmer X. D. 9/8 Amalgamated 15/8 Nagpur 56/8 Poona 150 Bombay Suburban 145 Bombay Suburban (New) Prem. 100.

BANK SHARES

Reserve 114 Imperial 2010 P. P. 480 Central 84/12 Coupon 18 India 243 Union 10/10 Baroda 165 Habib 153 Dena Bank 60 United Commercial 66 Jalpur 52 Hindustan Com. 38 Mysore 365 Exchange (Ord.) 50 Eastern 105.

INSURANCE

Oriental 5600 Empire 785 New India 73/4 Jupiter 31 Vulcan 14/10 Indian Mercantile 55 Universal Fire 15/12 British India General 20/12 Prud 36/8 Neptune 7 New Great 27 All-India General 31.

RAILWAYS

C P 106/4 Mymensing 113 Guaranteed 113 Pachora 100.

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock X. R. 300 Steamer 535 Burma New 153/12 B. B. Petrol 3 Mackenzie 145 Port Canning 76 Kemp 510 Zandu Pharmacy 180 Indian Investment Trust 101/8 Wimco 303/12 Dharamsey Chemical 34 Mukund Iron 10 Dena Trust 24 Alembic 266/4 Supreme India 130 Jamwire 108 Bombay Uganda 80 Bombay Motor Cycle 42 India Cement 32 Walchand Nagar Industries X. R 190 United Motor 74 A. C. C. New X. D. 105 Bombay Safe Deposit 910 Hydri Construction 16/2.

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 197/8 Tram 50 Andhra Valley 1362/8 Tata Power 1345 Hydro 117/8 Bombay Steamer 323/12 Nagpur 710 Swadeshi 146/4 Vishnu 830 Laxmi 310 New Great 225 Poddar 115/10 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 123/12 Bradbury 497/8 Surat Elec. 165/10 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 127 (Second Pref.) 125 50 Amalgamated 135 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 115 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 17/10 Supreme 120 Meyer 125/10 Mackenzie First 127/8 Mackenzie Second 125 And Advance 160 Mysore Mill 51 Standard 100 Madhusudan 12

DEBENTURES

Andhra 1952 (4) 104/8 B. Steamer 1950 (6) 106/12 I Rume Pipe (6) 111 Tata Power 1951—102/8 Walchandnagar (6) 117.

OUTSIDE SHARES

India Copper 2/13 B. I. C. 9/14 Burma Corporation 3/9 New Victoria 5/8 New Victoria Preference 6/8 Raja 26 Phalton 120 Gold Mohar 340 Kaiser-I-Hind 380 Sajjan 280 Osmanshahi 285 Azamshahi 250 Air Service 11 Air Ambica 15 Air India (Tata) 187/8 Hind Motor 7/6 India Steam 13/8 Valley 11/6.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

Tata Ordinary 352/8; Tata Deferred 1755; Indian Iron 31/13; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 27/13; Bombay Dyeing 1117/8; Central India 328/2; Gokak 335; Kohinoor 593/2; Simplex 219; Swadeshi 626/4; Tata Power 1500; Associated Cement 170; Belapur 318/12; Bombay Burma (Old) 465; Scindia 28/13; Central Bank 85; New India 73/2; Tata 2nd Pref. 146/4.

BUSINESS HOLIDAY

Tuesday being a Bank Holiday, City Markets will remain closed.

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, Feb. 16.

The produce market was fairly steady with limited business Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 137/12 and improved at Rs. 138/10 on short covering and scattered buying. Thereafter there was renewed selling and Castorseeds May delivery declined at Rs. 136/10. Quotations were as under:—

Groundnuts Khandesh Ready	32	8	0
Groundnuts Bold Ready	31	8	0
Groundnuts Madras Ready	32	0	0
Groundnuts Feb/March	30	14	0
Groundnuts Oil Ready	17	12	0
Groundnut Oil Feb.	17	8	0
Groundnut Oil March	17	6	0
Castor Seeds Ready	35	0	0
Castor Seeds February	34	12	0
Castor Seeds May	136	12	0
Oil First Pressing	22	0	0
Oil Commercial Quality	20	8	0
Linseed Ready	28	6	0
Linseed Feb/March	27	6	0
Linseed April/May	25	14	0
Oil	17	8	0

PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

Cotton Bales	24829
Linseed	1968
Groundnuts	19465
Castorseeds	954
Tilseed	203
Cottonseed	19921
Rice	28918
Sugar	8120
Gram	4668
Mahoora	29
Bajari	2
Wheat	5

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

The cotton market was quietly steady to-day with moderate business passing.

March delivery opened at Rs. 536/8 and declined at Rs 535/8 under scattered selling but advanced at Rs. 538 on increased short covering.

Thereafter there was absence of any support and March gradually declined at Rs. 536 under renewed long liquidation.

Later on there was increased buying particularly by ready cotton merchants and March advanced at Rs. 541. The market improved further at Rs. 545-8 and finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

	Rs.	as.	ps.
I.C.C. March	544	12	0
I.C.C. May	546	8	0
I.C.C. July	554	8	0
I.C.C. Sept.	559	8	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton March contract is 1124 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

The local bullion market was easy to-day with increased selling influence by reports that Viramgaum Excise duty will be removed. It is anticipated that this step will narrow the differences which existed between local and Kathiawar market quotations.

Ready silver was quoted at Rs. 143 while ready gold business was done at Rs. 105 and sovereigns were placed at Rs. 68.

Final quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	145	0	0
Ready Gold	105	0	0
Forward Gold	104	8	0
Sovereigns	68	0	0

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES

Bombay, Feb. 16.

MILLS

Apollo 3/14 3/15 3/14 3/14/6
Bharat 42/8 43
B. Dyeing 1130 32/8 17/8 20 13/12 17/8
C. India 331 32 24 28
E. Textiles 675 82/8 77/8
Elphinstone Ord. 90
Finlay 321 14 19 12 13
Gokak 338 37 40 35 37 35
I. U. Defd. 2/15 2/14/6 3 2/14 2/14/3
I. U. Ord. 15/9 15/10 15/8 15/9 15/6
Indore 600 5 592/8 95 92/8 97/8
Kohinoor 600 2 595 98 92 95 93
Laxmi 1625 10
Meyer 202/8 200 1/4 197/8
Model 195
Morarji 575 76/4
New City 210 3/12
New Great 404 7 397
Podar 160 67/8
Simplex 221 23 18 20 17 20 18 19
Swadeshi 640 36 38 22 26 26
Swan 370
Tata Mills 79/8 80 78/12 79/8
Vishnu 615

BANKS

Baroda 165
Central 86/8 87 83/12 84/12
Habib 153
Imperial Old 2050 5 10
Imperial New 490 80 83/12 80
India 242 43
Reserve 113/8 14
Union 10/10
U. Commercial 66/8 66

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 130 26/4 27/8
Andhra Valley 1347/8
B. Tram Ord. 139/8 39 39/12 39/8
Hydro 143
Hydro Pref 117/8
Power 1490 1500 1495 1500
New India Ass. 74 72/8 73/4

STEAMER

B. Steam 532/8 35
Scindia 29 28/13 28/15 28/12 28/13

STEEL

B. Steel 27/12 27/14 27/12 27/13
I. Iron 31/12 31/11 31/13
Tata Defd 1757/8 35 66/4 45 58/12 45 53/12 50 55
Tata Ord. 357 57/8 56/8 57/8 53/8 54 52 52/8
Tata Hind Pref. 147 45 46

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 300
A. C. C. Old 170 69/8 71 70 70/8 70
A. C. C. New 105/8 5
Belapur 320 18 19 16 19
B. B. Old 466/4 66/4 67/8 63/12 65
B. B. New 157/8 52/8 53/12
B. B. Petrol 2/15/9 3
I. I. Trust 101/8 2 1/8
Port Canning 75/8 76
P. Const. 205 7 4 6 200 1
Shivrajpur 40/8 39/12
Tata Chem. 17 16/14
Tata Oil 63/8 62/8 63
Wimco 302/8 3/12

SPECIAL

Simplex Coupon 119 17
Ahmedabad Elec. New 118/12 15 18/12
Mohamodi Steamship 103
Haydari Const. 16/2

SUGAR MARKET.

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

Ready	102	0	0
February	36	8	0

PEPPER PRICES.

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

Maha	677 to 682
Fagan	650 to 653

HESSIAN MARKET.

BOMBAY, Feb. 16

45X11.	Pies.
Ready	115
Jan.-March	113
April-June	109
D. W. 40X28.	
Ready	95 0 0
Jan.-March	95 0 0
April-June	94 8 0

ITALIAN ART-SILK YARN.

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

150 D. February	8	11	6
150 D. March	8	6	0
120 D. Ready	9	2	0

COLOMBO SHARE BAZAR

COLOMBO, Feb. 16.

Market very dull and quiet transactions Tea Arratenne 12; Estates of Uva 22; Gallegodes 11; Marigolds 12; Mahauvas 39; Mahavillas 18; St. James 25-1/2; Sterethedens 25; Tonagcombes 12-3/4; Torringtons 10; Uplands 17-1/2; Upper Maskeliyas 22; Uva Highlands 33; Welimadas 21; Tea Cumrubbers Golindas 7-1/2; Gona Adikas 2-1/2; Kaluganas 12-1/2; Kandyan Hills 12-1/2; L. L. Ps. 8; Rayigams 16-3/4; Plus Brokerage Warriapollas 10; Rubbers Hatbawes 4; Horawalas 8-1/4; Udapollas 8; Commercials Bank of Ceylon 107-1/2; B. C. C. 12; Browns 20; Cargills 11-1/2; Cold Stores 22; Chitrakalas 3; Hunter 12; Miller 11-1/4; Swadeshis 16; Rowlands 20.

HAPUR MARKET.

HAPUR, Feb. 16.

Wheat 25/8; Gram 15; Barley 13; Bijhar 13; Maize 13; Bajra 13; Jawar 12/8; Red 12; Guwar 10; Peas Ready 10; Ready Khatties 9; Jeth 7/12; Arhar 10; Ready Khatties 9; Jeth 8; Urad 16; Moong 16; Masoor 15; Stocks Wheat 3; Gram 3; Peas 36; Arhar 60; Maize 19; Bijhar 5; Oats 17; Khatties Gur Ready 9/4 to 9/8; Shakkar 10/12; Fagun 9/14/6; Opened 9/15; Oats Ready 8/8; Jeth 6/10; Opened 6/10; Sarson Ready 16/8; Jeth 13/9; Taraseed 13; Groundnuts 10; Oilcake 6/8; Cottonseed 12 to 14; Methi 16; Silver Forward 139/2; Opened 139; Gold Forward 99/12; Bardana Chet 69; April 80; Ready and futures quality steady.

CALICUT MARKETS.

CALICUT, Feb. 16.

Coiryarn Beypore 160/170; Quilandy 185/195 Fibre Garbled 115; Ungarbled 110; Cocoanuts Raw 100; Dry 100; Cocoanut Oil 360; Copra Office 255; Dilpasand 262/8; Madrasnottam 270; Pepper Wynaad 750; Country 740; Dry Ginger Chernad 240; Ernad 230; Coffee Robusta 98; Timber Pali 60/65; Junglewood 25/30; Vellapine 40/45; Benteak 40/45 Teak 90/95; Mango Planks 3/3/6; Teak 12/15; Rosewood 17/20.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

B C Rates T T D D 1/3 15/16 Ready B C Rates T T D D 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready
London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months
London Banks Buying I T 1/6 1/32 to 9th Months
London Banks Buying I T 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th and 9th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th and 9th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th and 9th Month
New York and Montreal B C Rates I T Rs. 332 1/4
Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 332 1/4
Banks Buying T T Rs. 330
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 328 3/4
Montreal Rs. 328 1/2
Banks Buying D D N Y Rs 329
Montreal Rs 328 3/4 L/C
Paris Banks Selling T T Fcs. 6400
Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 6550
Amsterdam Banks Selling T T D D Fl 79
Belgium Banks Selling T T D D Fcs. 1305
Java Banks Selling T T D D—79
Hongkong Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 84
Singapore Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 157 1/4
New York-London Cross Rate Dol. 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4
London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. 52.57-53.43
London Alexandria Fls. 97 1/4-3/4
London Amsterdam Fl. 10.68-70
London Bangkok Tcl. 40
London Belgium Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4
London Denmark Kr. 19.32-36
London Hongkong 1/3 1/16
London Iran Rl. 128-130
London Java Fl. 10.68-70
London Lisbon Es 99.80-100.20
London Manila Pes. 8.07-12
London Montreal Dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4
London New York Dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4
London Oslo Kr. 19.98 20.02
London Paris Fcs. 863.40-864.60
London Prague K. 201-202
London Singapore 2/4 7/32-1/8
London Stockholm Kr. 14.47-50
London Switzerland Fcs. 17.34-36
London Syria 880-5
London Discts 3 Months 9/16 p.c.
London Discts 6 Months 5/8 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c. Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.
Money:—Call 1/2 p c 3 months 3/4 p c 6 months 1 p c 12 months 1-1/2 p.c.
Tone:—Easy.

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

	Rs.	as.	p.
2-1/2 p.c. 1954	98	12	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1960	101	4	0
2-1/2 p.c. 1961	97	4	0
2-3/4 pc 1948-52	100	8	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1960	99	9	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1962	102	0	0
2-3/4 p.c. 1976	99	8	0
3 p.c. Non-Terminable	110	6	0
3 p.c. 1996 Con.	100	2	0
3 p.c. 1949-52	101	8	0
3 p.c. 1951-54	102	9	0
3 p.c. 1953-55	102	9	0
3 pc 1952	102	8	0
3 p.c. 1959-61	102	5	0
3 p.c. 1963-65	101	4	0
3 p.c. 1966-68	100	15	0
3 p.c. 1970-75	100	13	0
3-1/2 p.c. 1961-09	105	12	0
4 p.c 1948-53	102	8	0
4 pc 1960-70	113	10	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1950-55	106	4	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1955-60	114	2	0
4-1/2 p.c. 1958-67	117	8	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
2-3/4 p.c U P. 1961	99	0	0
2-3/4 p.c. Madras 1961	99	2	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1958	102	0	0
3 p.c. Bombay 1955	102	0	0
4 p.c. Punjab 1949	99	8	0
3 p.c. Madras 1952-53	101	0	0
3 p.c. Punjab 1952	99	8	0
3 p.c. U. P 1952	101	0	0
3 p.c. O. P 1952	101	0	0
3 p.c. N W F 1952	100	4	0
3 p.c. U. P 1961-66	101	2	0
3 p.c. Bombay Port Trust	113	0	0
4 p.c. Bombay Municipality City	113	0	0
3 p.c Bombay Municipality 1959	118	0	0
3-1/4 pc Municipal New 1977	102	4	0
3-1/4 p.c. New Municipality 1954	120	0	0
5 pc P. P. T.	114	0	0

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR.

MADRAS, Feb. 16.

On re-opening after the week end holidays the market acted in tired manner inspite of Bank shares news. Following are today's quotations:—

SUGARS AND BREWERIES:—Deccan 22/12; Mysore 57; Travancore 10/12.

PLANTINGS:—Balmadies 1/10; Blue Mountain 2/9; Chembras 10/6; Cochin Malabar 9; Devashola 17/6; Highland Produce 30/4; Kalasa 14/10; Midlands 7/14; Ouchteriony 10/2; Peermade 48. Pullangodes 1/9/6; Thirumbadi 2/15.

TEXTILES:—Bang Woollen 270; Buckinghams 327/8; Cambodias 11/6; Coimbatore Pioneer 109; Janardhanas 52; Madura 73/14; Lakshmi 94; Madura 43/14; Metturs 290; Mysore Silk Filatures 10/6; Mysore Spun 12/10; Radhakrishnas 148; Rajalakshmis 60; Ranga Vilas 55/8; Sitaram Spg. 130; Trichinopoly 13/8.

MISCELLANEOUS:—Andhra Cements 82; India Cement 14/4; Mettur Chem. 10/8; Mysore Chem. Ferts 12/12; Mysore Papers 15/14.

WIDEST BREAK IN N. Y. COTTON PRICES

Weekly Review

NEW YORK, Feb. 14, (UPA): A United Press of America review of the New York Cotton Exchange for the week ended today showed that prices topped this week in the widest break since the "Jordan Debacle" in October 1946.

At the close of the week, the market ruled 180 to 204 points—eight to 10.20 dollars per bale—lower than in the previous week.

The slump in grain prices started a wholesale liquidating with a rush to sell gaining momentum because of the dwindling hopes for early action on the foreign aid programme which factor was previously counted upon to substantially boost raw cotton exports.

The liquidation of March contracts before the first notice day on February 24th and expectations for heavy tenders of low grade cotton and preliminary trade estimates that the new crop acreage may be increased anywhere from two to 10 per cent added to the weight of the bearish influence. Certificated stock for contract delivery rose to 60,353 bales which is an increase of nearly 17,500 bales since the first of the year. March contracts dipped to a low of 30.65 cents per pound, representing a cumulative drop of 18.20 dollars per bale from the high prices prevailing at the turn of the year.

The new crop positions showed the best resistance on the decline. Investment buying there was coupled with the possibility of a higher Government loan rate on the next crop. The average loan rate for the present crop is 27.95 cents per pound for middling fifteen/sixteen inch cotton. However, statistics pointed out that if the current parity rate should through next July, the loan rate on the new crop could exceed 31-1/2 cents per pound or about 1-1/2 to two cents per pound above the lows reached this week on the new crop futures.

JANUARY CONSUMPTION

The New York Cotton Exchange Service Bureau estimated the total consumption of all cotton during January at 670,000 bales compared with 753,000 bales during December and 950,000 bales in January last year. The daily rate of use last month approximated 41,400 bales compared with 35,900 bales for December and 43,200 bales in January last year.

Meanwhile, during today's session of the New York Cotton Exchange, futures spurted higher closing on the upside for the first time in the week. Trading was active as lint prices scored gains ranging around three dollars per bale. At the close, the list ruled 44 to 53 points—2.20 to 2.65 dollars per bale—higher than at the previous close. Many traders were of the opinion that low levels had been reached and looked for a halt in liquidation. Trade and commission house buying at the initial call boosted futures 31 to 35 points. After the opening of the grain market in Chicago where moderate gains were scored, activity in cotton broadened and the price shot still higher. Some of the buying also reflected the steady trend at Southern spot markets this week in the face of the lower trend elsewhere.

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT CROP

SYDNEY, February 16. (Reuter): About 180,000,000 bushels of the Australian wheat crop have been already delivered, the Wheat Board said today.

The season's crop had been estimated at 205,000,000 bushels. The bulk of the balance is from New South Wales where 55 to 60 per cent of the crop was under quality because of the effect of heavy rains it was stated.

It was expected here that the entire crop would be disposed of by the year-end.

Six million bushels have been sold—mainly to Sweden, Switzerland, Iraq, France, the French Colonies and Pacific Islands — in the past month.

AHMEDABAD SHARES

(From Our Own Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 16.

Share Market moved narrowly on both ways, general trend being indecisive. The sentiment of the market is very much depressed. The present position is likely to be maintained until there is more clarification of the Central Government's budget proposals. The market closed quiet.

Calico opened 1456 highest 1462 lowest 1452 closed 1457 Ambika opened 456 highest 459 lowest 455 closed 457, Arvind opened 1677 highest 1685 lowest 1669 closed 1680; Deferred opened 1755 highest 1767 lowest 1747 closed 1760.

Closing quotations: Calico 1457, Ambika 457; Ahyodaya Spinning 450; Arvind 1680. Jupiter 405; New National 522-8, Nutan 525; New Baroda 365; Bihari 320; Mahalaxmi 680; Marsdon 214; Monogram 184; Rohit 435; Lal Mill 493-12; Vikram 567-8. Vijay 615; Vivekanand 262-8; Shorrok 1287-8; Saraspur 690; Deffered 1760.

The following shares were given in delivery in current settlement: Calico 208; Arving 62; Ambika 112; Jupiter 10. Marsdon 26; Monogram 20; Saraspur 43; Deffered 29.

SHIPPING NEWS

IMPORTS & EXPORTS

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, Feb. 16.

S.S. BRITISH SAILOR

From Beherin:—7666.742 tons fuel oil in bulk.

M. V. BRASIH

From Beherin:—12359.639 tons furnace oil.

M. V. ALERED CLEGG

From Beherin:—9662.148 tons motor spirit, 4437.310 tons kerosene.

S.S. RUBY STONE

From Hongkong:—568 cases torches, 500 cases lanterns, 30 cases thermosflaskes, 1055 huricane lanterns, 3250 bales cassia, 46 bdls everready flash light, 100 cases munsell, 794 bdls cassia liguea, 60 cases needles, 73 cases torch bulbs, 40 coils manila rope, 40 cases electric goods, 49 baskets China root.

S.S. FORT BRUNSWICK

From Singapore:—6951 bags sago flour, 850 bags bettle nuts, 84 gum benjamin, 1805 bdls rattans, 30 bags damarbatu.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

S.S. CARBONELLO

To Trieste:—186 bales cotton waste—Sapt Textile Prod. (India) Ltd. cotton raw 1250 bales—K. Devchand and Co. Ltd. 154 bales—Volkart Bros.

To Venice:—220 bales cotton raw—K. Devchand and Co. Ltd.

S.S. TAHASINIA

To Manchester:—500 bales cotton waste—E. T. Robertson and Son.

To Glasgow:—136 bales wool—D. B. Valkers and Co.

To Liverpool:—200 bales cotton raw—B. Mawji and Co. Ltd.

S.S. ARONDA

To Mombassa:—Glassware 17 cases—Shaha and Co., 12 cases G. Shantilal and Co., 10 bags gum albanum—J. Hemchand and Co., 6 bags dry fruits—Sundryship. 9 cases brass utensils—Africa Overseas Agency. 9 bales surgical cotton—K. R. Shah and Co. 11 cases cotton hosiery—H. Gopaldas. From S. Mansuklal and Co. 9 cases iron tower bolts, 8 cases brass hinges, 17 cases brass aldrofs, 9 cases brass tower bolts, cotton piecegoods 6 bales.

To Sychelles:—10 bales cotton piecegoods—M. Purushottam. 19 bales cotton piecegoods—M. A. Kapadia.

To Daresallam:—34 bales cotton piecegoods—K. Kanji.

S.S. MAHDEVI

To Rangoon:—18 cases toilet requisite—Peerline Paris Ltd. From A. H. Mahmed, 5 cases glass globes, 74 cases chimneys, 49 cases umbrellas, 176 cases glass bottles, 36 cases alum. utensils, aluminium utensils 10 cases—Delhi Tyre Service Co. 13 bags suva seed—M. Gokuldas and Co. From H. Meghaji 5 bags cummin seed, 5 bags jethimundh.

134 bags glass bottles—Bombay Glass Works Ltd. 110 bags glass bottles—Central Bottle Trading Co.

S.S. DUMRA.

To Khoramshire:—10 bags black pepper—N. O. Hinduja, 5 bales cotton piecegoods—Sindh Export and Import Trading Co. 5 bales cotton piecegoods—Kantilal and Co. 22 cases cardamums—R. Bahram and Bros.

To Busrah:—14 bags hammers—Anglo-Indian Oil Co. 909 bags jungle wood—P. Jamasji and Co. 70 cases anti-cholera vaccine—Consul General for Iraq.

To Beherein:—168 nos. folding tables and 50 nos. Chairs—M. A. I. Ahmed and Co.

To Kuwait:—7 cases aluminium ware—Joseph Son and Co. 100 kgs. wooden chairs—M. A. I. Ahmed and Co.

S.S. JALKRISHNA

To Portsaid:—138 drums varnish—Orient Corp. Ltd.

To Liverpool:—500 bales cotton raw—A Durgadas.

To Rotterdam:—50 bales cotton waste—Chinubhai Rasiklal.

To Antwerp:—10 bales cotton waste—Chunilal and Co.

S.S. MARINFLIER

To New York:—100 bags jute rags—C. M. Vyas & Co.

To Geneo:—135 drums groundnut oil—The Ujjain Oil Mills Ltd.

S.S. ALAVI

Maritius: 100 bundles dryfish—A. H. Ayoob.

S.S. RUBY STONE

To Hongkong:—5 bags cumin seed—S. Hajibhai and Co.

To Shanghai:—1100 bales cotton raw—Volkart Bros. 200 bales cotton raw—Musrani and Co. 600 bales cotton raw—Musrani and Co. 6 cases Fancy dolls—M. Govindji. 5 cases sandal wood oil—R. F. Shroff.

To Singapore:—25 drums linseed oil—National Paints and Industries. From D. Bhujangilal. 68 bags cumim seed and 75 bags fennel seed.

S.S. STEEL SEAFARER

To New York:—100 bdls. Cassaligues—R. Aminoff.

S.S. CITY OF DURBAN.

To Hull:—106 drums linseed oil—Vithal Oil Mills.

S.S. ROSE BANK

To Bagsara:—208 bags cotton raw—S. Lalji.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

ARRIVALS

HAINAN (4243) came from Goahembung with general cargo on February 14.

BAHRAIN (7095) came from Bahrain with 8892 tons of oil on February 14 (F.T.C.).

S. S. NURANI (5414) came from Calcutta via Madras with general cargo on February 14 (Asiatic S. N.)

S. S. BHADRAVATI came from Karachi with general cargo and 742 passengers (B.S.N.).

BARPETA came from Basrah on February 16 with general cargo and 337 passengers.

SCOTTISH MONARCH (7007), came from Adelaide with 8850 tons of wheat (R.E.V.)

DEPARTURES

RANDEAU PARK (Aviation S. Co.) left for Rangoon with ballast on February 14.

S. S. PACHUMBA (B.I.S.N.) left with general cargo for London and Antwerp on February 14.

JOHILLA (J.M.) left for Calcutta with general cargo on February 14.

SAN ZOTICO (E.O.) left for Abadan with ballast on February 15.

S. S. Englistan (S.S.N.) left for Karachi with general cargo on February 15.

STEEL SEAFARER left for New York with general cargo on February 15.

S. S. Jalyamuna (S.S.N.) left for Calcutta with general cargo on 14.

We give below information regarding vessels under Messrs. Volkart Brothers' Agency:—

DUE TO ARRIVE AT BOMBAY

From Colombo — "Martha Klepper" Due 19th February.

From Persian Gulf — "Rotti" Due 19th February.

From Antwerp — "Loenerkerk" Due 20th February.

From Persian Gulf via Karachi — "Lleve Vrouwekerk" Due 25th February.

From Colombo via Karachi — "Phaeax II" Due 27th February.

DUE TO SAIL FROM BOMBAY

For Colombo — "Aludra" Sails 16th February.

For Cochin/Colombo/Madras / Calcutta — "Hoegh Silvermoon" Sails end of February.

For Mediterranean and North Continental Ports "Lleve Vrouwekerk" Sails end of February.

For Colombo/Madras / Rangoon /Calcutta — "Loenerker" Sails end of February.

For Australia — "Dwight Morrow" Sails end of February.

Weekly Worth Street Review

NEW YORK, Feb 14, (U. P. A.): The collapse in basic commodities accentuated by the drop of more than $16 per bale in raw cotton, brought trading to a practical halt this week in the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market. At the close of the market everything was considered to have held relatively steady but in the face of outside conditions, scepticism developed as to whether producers could hold the price line in the event of a further drop in commodities. Second hand offerings re-appeared in the Printcloth Department and while the prices were shaved one-quarter to one-half cent per yard in some instances, the volume of goods available was small and hardly influential as a market factor. First hands were either withdrawn from the market or maintained themselves on an unchanged basis of 30 cents per yard for basic 80 square four yard number. Activity in sheets and osnaburgs was negligible although some quarters thought that bagging manufacturers might be back in the cotton goods market for supplies in view of the tightening supply situation for burlap.

The prolonged delay by the Indian Government in deciding on export quotas and rumours that burlap supplies to be made available for the domestic market might be reduced, became a source of increasing uneasiness. In fact, observers said that little burlap has been shipped here during the last thirty days. Meanwhile, big inroads are being made into domestic stocks. The sharp drop in wool top futures curbed new buying in wool fabrics. Buyers withdraw to see how far the decline would go. Meanwhile, buyers were surprised by smaller than expected price increases for fall lines. The American Woollen Company announced new lines of men's wear for the Fall would be increased from eight to 12 per cent. Recent trade expectations were that the rise would be around 15 per cent.

PARIS TO HAVE "FREE MARKET" IN PRECIOUS METALS.

PARIS, Feb. 16, (U. P. A.): Beginning Monday, Paris will have a "free market" in silver and platinum as well as gold.

According to an agreement reached between the French Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Bullion Smelters and Refiners' Association, free dealings in these metals will start on the following basis:

SILVER: 5,700 Francs per kilo for buyers and 6,500 for sellers. (The previous ceiling price was 3,800 Francs.).

PLATINUM 670,000 Francs per kilo buyers and 720,000 Francs sellers (The previous ceiling was 287,000 Francs).

London Money Market

LONDON, Feb. 14:

Wednesday, with substantial treasury deposit receipt maturities, brought much needed relief to a market that spent the earlier part of the week searching for accommodation and in some cases had been forced to seek official assistance. Although requirements had not been particularly heavy, the calling in of funds by several banks made difficult even satisfaction of the comparative small demand.

The latter part of the week saw easier conditions continuing with revenue payments offset by further maturities and with banks ready lenders the remainder of the week passed with all borrowers able to obtain their requirements.

Business in bills remained modest. Bank of England return showed that contraction of active note circulation continues unabated, further ten and half millions returned to the bank in the past week leaving a total of active issue at around 1,250,000,000 pound sterling which is 127,500,000 lower than the level one year ago.

Applications for 170,000, 000 pounds sterling Treasury Bills totalled 240,-190,000 pound sterling of which 170,-000,000 were allotted at the average rate of 10 shillings 0.92 pence per cent.

Next week 170,000,000 pounds sterling Treasury Bills will be offered and treasury deposit receipts 60,000,000 pounds sterling maximum.

New York Cotton Steady

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.

The market commenced strong on aggressive trade buying and then sagged tempor

OUR TABULATED ADLETS

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MINIMUM Rs. 1/8/-

To be paid in advance.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted a smart Accounts Clerk, knowing English correspondence and Typing by an Industrial Engineering Factory at Bombay 12. Apply with full details and copies of testimonials to Box No. 8144 "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted Smart, educated young lady, who can do a daily column feature, chiefly of feminine interest, for a Nationalist Evening Daily. Please write to Box No. 3030, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted a capable hand to work as an Advertising Canvasser for a leading Nationalist Daily. Apply with full particulars as regards experience and salary expected to Box No. 2020 "Bombay Chronicle".

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Wanted immediately on lease for a Silk Mill, Shade or Shades with godowns, etc. in Bombay Mill Area. Goorana not less than 15,000 sq. feet, preferably with Electric and water connections. Apply with full particulars to Box No. 8137 "Bombay Chronicle."

BUSINESS FOR SALE

The Shop of General Goods prominent locality at Jubbulpore is for Sale immediately Stocks and Goodwill Rs. 25,000/- Write to Box No. 8099 "Bombay Chronicle".

MEDICAL ADLETS

God's Gift medicine for Piles: Rs. 5/- for Yaga, Hoam, etc., V.P. and Packing charges extra. Menaka Debi, 19, S. N. Banerji Rd., Calcutta. 5462A

MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

Small Advertisement under more than 500 headings can publish in All-India, Burma, Ceylon and Pakistan Directory. Rates As. 3 per word. Full information please write in English only. Shambhi & Co., Barnala, (Patiala). (7370)

"WANTED—Enquiries invited from purchasers for Electric Cables & Wires of all descriptions. Write with details, quantity & sizes to Mangilall Rungta, Jugsalai, Tatanagar." 8135

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

A few good typewriters ready for sale. Bombay Typewriting Institution, Opp: General Post Office, Fort, Bombay, Telephone 21084. 8113

Available ex-Stocks American Electric Gramophones from Rs. 180/ Flourescent tubes and reflectors Electric lamps all standard voltages and types from 15 watt to 1000 watts C.T.S. cables all sizes good discounts for quantities Apply Box No. 3985 "Bombay Chronicle."

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

TENDERS are invited for the sale of a Motor Launch, of the following specifications, now lying idle at the Sewree Dockyard.

SPECIFICATIONS

Length.	..	37' 10"
Beam	..	10' 4"
Draft Light	..	F' d. 1' 10" Aft. 2' 4"
Maximum load	..	5 tons or 100 Passengers
Engine	..	Kelvin F.4 No. 421149 (Petrol)
Horse Power	..	30 at 700 RPM.
Speed	..	8½ Knots.
Seating accommodation		About 18 passengers.

2. The tenderers should submit their offers, on their own form, in sealed covers, addressed to the Commissioner of Excise, (Old Custom House), Bombay, so as to reach his Office not later than the evening of the 2nd March 1948. The Motor launch can be inspected at the Sewree Dockyard with the permission of the Officer-in-Charge Liquor Warehouse, Sewree, Bombay.

M. D. BHANSALI,
Commissioner of Excise.

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G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE DY. GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops), G.I.P. Railway, Bombay V. T., will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 11 A.M. on 23-2-48 for the supply of Jaggery at the Railway Godowns at Poona or Diksal or Ahmednagar or Wadi Bunder. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office or from the Asstt. Controller, Grainshops, G.I.P. Railway at Poona. (7373)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of Chief Engineer for the United State of Kathiawar on a scale of pay similar to the pay for Chief Engineers prevailing in the Bombay Province. Higher initial pay will be given according to qualifications.

Applications from intending candidates stating their age, experience, with certificates of character and ability should reach the undersigned on or before the 22nd instant at the latest. State servants as well as Government servants will also be eligible to apply.

SPECIAL DUTY OFFICER.
United State of Kathiawar.
Rajkot, 14-2-48.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE FIFTH SESSIONS of the BOMBAY MEDICAL CONGRESS, which was postponed, will now be held on the 28-29th Feb. 1948, at J. J. Hospital.

Programme and other details will be announced later

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NOTICE

THE BOMBAY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the Loss of Policy No. 41071 on the Life of Vasantrai Dayashanker Jani a duplicate policy will be issued and the claim will be paid thereunder unless objection is lodged with us within one month from this date.

Bombay, 17-2-1948.
K. BALASUBRAHMANYAM,
Manager & Actuary.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

THIS IS TO INFORM the public and all concerned that my eldest son Tulsidas has separated from me by a regular deed of partition dated 15th February, 1948, and he has no concern whatsoever with me and my property. If any person deals with him in any way he shall do so at his own risk and cost.

AMULRAI DHAMANMAL.
Malad 16-2-1948.
(Bombay).

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FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

NOTICE.

IN MODIFICATION of the Federal Public Service Commission's advertisement relating to Selection of Special Class Apprentices in the Mechanical Engineering and Transportation (Power) Department of the Superior Revenue Establishment of State Railways, 1947-48, it is notified for general information that the last date for the receipt of applications has been further extended from 30th January, 1948 to 28th February, 1948, and the date of commencement of the test from 18th March 1948 to 17th May, 1948.

Copies of application form etc. can be obtained from the Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission Room No. 36, Top Floor, Council Chamber, New Delhi.

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THE HINDU SANATORIUM FOR TUBERCULOSIS, KARLA.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all the donors of this Sanatorium that a Meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd March, 1948, at 7 P.M. at the office of this Sanatorium at Sir Bhalchandra's House, 215, Charni Rd., Bombay 4, to transact the following amongst other business, viz.—

(a) To consider the registration of the Sanatorium under the Societies Registration Act.
(b) To consider and adopt the Draft Constitution.
(c) To consider the change from admission of exclusively tubercular patients into admission of tubercular and/or non-tubercular and convalescent patients.
(d) Such other business as may be permitted by the chairman

B. G. PADHYE.
Joint Honry. Secretary.
Bombay Feb. 16th 1948

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

Office of Regional Commissioner, Disposals, Mercantile Chambers. Graham Road. Ballard Estate, Fort, Bombay.

DISPOSALS.

THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER Disposals Bombay invites Tenders for the purchase and removal of the following U. S. Maritime Stores ex-site:—

Item 1. Propellers, Tailshafts, Cargowinch, Rudders, Auxiliary Condenser, Anchors, Boiler, Tubes etc.

Item 2 3/4" Main and Auxiliary Condenser Tubes of Admiralty Metal and Aluminium Brass.

(11'-8"-12'-2½" long)—24355 Nos

Conditions—Good.

Location—Bombay.

Superscribed reference-Tender No. RCS/VAR/UST/1162/1.

Last date due—4th March '48—4 P.M.

Public opening of Tenders 5th March '48—11-30 A.M.

Further particulars and tender forms can be obtained from the Regional Commissioner Disposals, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and Kanpur on payment of Rs. 5/- per set (not refundable) and also from Director General Disposals, New Delhi.

Offers for Item 1 may be submitted in part or whole but offers for item 2 should be for the entire quantity. Offers should be sent on tender forms, enclosed in double covers, the inner to be sealed and superscribed with the above reference number and should remain open for acceptance for 30 days from the date of offer.

Earnest money (refundable to unsuccessful tenderer) of 10 p. c. of the value of the offer should be deposited in the Reserve Bank/ Imperial Bank of India or Govt. Treasury under head of account "Revenue Deposits" in favour of Regional Commissioner Disposals, Bombay. Tenders not accompanied by such Treasury/Bank receipt will be ignored. Cheques will not be accepted.

No guarantee is given of the quantity, quality, weight or suitability of the above stores. Sale will be subject to conditions of Contract Con. 117.

The Stores can be inspected at site on permits issued by the Regional Commissioner Disposals, Bombay.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

Office of the Regional Commissioner, Disposals, Mercantile Chambers, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, Fort, Bombay.

DISPOSALS.

THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER (Disposals), Bombay, invites tenders for the purchase and removal of the following 100-150 Ton wooden barges ex-site.

STORES ... 26 Nos. Dumb Barges Billimoria type Bathellas.
1. No. Mackenzie type Dumb Barge.
5 Nos. New Ratnagiri type Sailing Barges.
2 Nos. Porbunder Kathiawar type Sailing Barges.

RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 500/- Each.
LOCATION ... Powder Works Bunder, Mazagon, Bombay.
SUPERSCRIBED REFERENCE ... Tender No. RCS/39047/VAR.
LAST DATE DUE:—5-3-1948.

Tender forms with full particulars can be obtained from this office on payment of Rs. 5/- per set (not refundable).

Offers should be sent on tender forms, enclosed in double covers, the inner to be sealed and superscribed with the above reference number and should remain open for acceptance for 30 days from the date of offer.

Earnest money (Refundable to unsuccessful tenderers) of 10 p.c of the value of offer should be deposited in the Reserve/Imperial Bank of India or Government Treasury under head of account "Revenue Deposits" in favour of Regional Commissioner (Disposals), Bombay. Tenders not accompanied by such Bank/Treasury Receipts will be ignored. CHEQUES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

No guarantee is given of the quality or suitability of the above barges. Sale will be subject to conditions of Contract Con. 117 obtainable at this office.

The barges can be inspected at site by arrangement with the Mechanical Superintendent, Bombay Port Trust, Clarke Bunder, Mazagon, Bombay. (7377)

GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

ELECTRIC GRID DEPARTMENT TENDER NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS are invited for the supply of Relay and Meter Testing Laboratory Equipments for the North Gujarat Electric Grid Scheme to reach not later than 5 p.m. on 4th May, 1948.

Copy of the specification No. ELG/T-6 can be had from the office of the Electrical Commissioner with the Government of Bombay, Foreshore Road, Bombay No. 1 on cash payment of Rs. 25/- which will be refunded on receipt of a bonafide tender. Firms outside Bombay may, however, remit the amount direct by money order. If additional copies are required and are available, they will be supplied on non-returnable payment of Rs. 25/- per copy.

P. B. ADVANI.
Electrical Commissioner
with the Government of Bombay.
(7374)

THE MYSORE ABRASIVES LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 237/2, 13th Cross Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore, on SATURDAY, the 6th March, 1948, at 5 P.M. to consider the following.

AGENDA.

1. To be passed as a Special Resolution.

"RESOLVED THAT THE COMPANY BE AND IS HEREBY WOUND UP VOLUNTARILY IN AS MUCH AS THE OBJECTS OF THE COMPANY CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT PROFITABLY WITH THE EXISTING RESOURCES FOR THE COMPANY."

2. In the event of the passing of the above said Resolution, To appoint one or more Liquidators and to fix their remuneration.

3. To give such directions to the Liquidators as the Shareholders may deem fit in regard to the realisation of outstandings and other assets and distribution thereof.

By order of the Board,
Sd. Mohd. Rahim Khaleeli,
Director in Charge.

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LEGAL NOTICES

SALE NOTICE.

OUR CLIENT has agreed to purchase the undermentioned property from Mr. CHARLES WILLIAMS and Mrs. FLORENCE WILLIAMS.

Any person making any claim against the said property in any manner whatsoever is requested to notify the same in writing to the undersigned within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the claim, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece of land with buildings, standing thereon, situate at Santa Cruz Village Danda in Greater Bombay, admeasuring 1237 square yards being plot No. 64J of Town Planning Scheme No. IV of Santa Cruz in the registration Sub-District of Bandra and bounded, on the East by Road called WEST AVENUE on the North by plot No. 64K, on the West by plot No. 64D on the South by plot No. 64H.

Dated this 16th day of Feb. 1948.

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